

Item 3. Working methods of the Executive Board

2020/1

Decision on the Working methods of the Executive Board

The Executive Board

1. Recalls decision 2019/8 of the Executive Board of UN-Women on working methods of the Executive Board and reiterates its requests therein; *ad ref*
2. *Takes note* of the Joint Response by the Executive Board Secretariat on the Working Methods of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP presented in accordance with the request of the UN-Women Executive Board decision 2019/13, and the related decisions of the other Executive Boards; *ad ref*
3. *Takes note* with appreciation of the revised Guidelines for the field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women, and for the joint field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP; *ad ref*
4. *Requests* the secretariat of the Executive Board of UN-Women, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UNICEF, to submit to Member States, ahead of the annual session 2020, with a view to conclude discussions on the working methods no later than the second regular session, a concrete proposal for a rearranged annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2021, which includes daily schedules of the three sessions and informal consultations, supported by a detailed comparative analysis of potential implications on items for decisions, overall costs, efficiency and oversight, with a view to reducing the workload of the second regular session by shifting agenda items among formal sessions, as appropriate; *ad ref*
5. *Further recalls* decision 2018/7 and stresses the need to continue to harmonize the consideration of common agenda items across the respective Executive Board agendas and requests the secretariat of the Executive Board of UN-Women, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and UNICEF, to reflect it in the proposal of a rearranged workplan for 2021; *ad ref*
6. *Recalls* decision 2018/7 and requests UN-Women management to answer during the formal session all the questions raised by Member States and, in cases of having unanswered questions, to distribute a written response within a reasonable timeframe, in a way that would not overburden the secretariat of the UN-Women Executive Board; *ad ref*
7. *Takes note* with appreciation of the current tracking system of the decisions of the Executive Board and requests the secretariat to put the full text of decisions into the system so that Member States have full oversight on follow-up and fulfilment of decisions, starting in 2019. *ad ref*

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