



# **Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women**

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### **Strategic plan**

#### **Decision 2013/5**

#### **The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women Strategic Plan, 2014-2017**

The Executive Board:

1. *Welcomes* the consultative efforts of UN-Women to update the strategic plan, 2011-2013 for the period 2014-2017 and endorses the UN-Women strategic plan, 2014-2017;
2. *Reaffirms* that the goals set out in the Charter of the United Nations, General Assembly resolution 64/289 of 2 July 2010, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, as well as other internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and applicable United Nations instruments, standards and resolutions that support, address and contribute to gender equality and the empowerment of women, form the framework of the strategic plan;
3. *Takes note* with appreciation of the efforts by UN-Women to align its strategic plan, 2014 – 2017, with the mandates of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations, including a common approach and indicators for monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review;
4. *Underlines* that UN-Women in implementing its strategic plan will provide assistance in the field of gender equality and the empowerment of women, with the agreement and consent of the host country, in accordance with national priorities, and adopt a national ownership principle in field activities;
5. *Requests* UN-Women to implement the strategic plan, taking into account the guidance provided by General Assembly resolution 67/226 and to continue to contribute to strengthening the accountability, effectiveness and coherence of the United Nations development system;

6. *Requests* the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director to submit to the Executive Board, beginning at its annual session in 2015, an annual progress report on the implementation of the strategic plan, 2014-2017, and to provide updates at its regular sessions in 2015, 2016 and 2017;

7. *Requests* the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director to undertake a mid-term review of the UN-Women strategic plan 2014-2017 that includes an assessment of results achieved, cost-effectiveness, evaluations, and progress made in achieving the vision of the strategic plan, and report to the Executive Board at its annual session in 2016.