



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

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### **Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

#### **Decision 2013/6**

### **Integrated Budget of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for the biennium of 2014-2015**

The Executive Board:

1. *Welcomes* the Integrated Budget of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, 2014-2015, which presents a single integrated budget that includes all budgetary categories, to complement the strategic plan for 2014-2017, and responds to its request (decision 2011/1) to collaborate closely with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund towards the harmonization of budget and results methodologies, including in their work towards achieving an integrated budget in 2014;
2. *Commends* the continued focus on results and the enhanced linkages with the results and harmonized methodology in the strategic plan 2014-2017, including with regard to cost classification, attribution and recovery;
3. *Takes note* of the details included within the Integrated Budget document (2013/7), the supportive report of the ACABQ (2013/8) thereon, and the related responses of UN-Women to the ACABQ report (2013/CRP.6);
4. *Takes note* of the results and resource requirements in the UN-Women integrated budget estimates for 2014-2015, and welcomes progress on linkages between results and resources;
5. *Takes note* that UN-Women is maintaining a two year budget cycle and requests UN-Women to keep the Executive Board informed on steps towards the move to a four year budget cycle;

6. *Approves* gross resources in the amount of \$176.9 million to support organizational effectiveness and efficiency and requests the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director to report comprehensively on measures to improve the organizational efficiency and effectiveness containing information on timeframe and benefits that accrue to the Entity in the Report on Progress made on the UN-Women strategic plan to be submitted to the annual session of the Executive Board;

7. *Notes* that in the event that actual cost recovery is higher than the estimates included in the budget proposal, the additional amount may be used for management activities to allow more regular resources to be used for programme activities, requests the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on its utilization in the context of the next budget proposal, and asks UN-Women to further strive for an overall reduction of the ratio of its management costs;

8. *Takes note* with concern of the current and projected funding gap for the period 2014-15, urges all countries in a position to do so to increase their voluntary contributions, especially in regular resources, and welcomes UN-Women's proposals to enhance its resource mobilization strategy.