

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women

First Regular Session 2020, UN-Women Executive Board

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Advance annotated outline

Introduction

- Congratulations to the new President and Bureau
- Gratitude to the outgoing President and Bureau
- Senior recruitments at UN Women

The exceptional year ahead of us

- Preparations for CSW
 - High level of participation
 - Expected outcome
 - Support from Executive Board members for a successful session
- Generation Equality
 - Campaign and youth engagement
 - Preparations for the Generation Equality Forum in Mexico and France and satellite sessions
 - Engagement of civil society
 - Action Coalitions: themes, leadership model, modalities of engagement and timelines
 - Link to the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
- High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Beijing+25
- 20-year anniversary of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security
- 10-year anniversary of the establishment of UN Women by the General Assembly

UN Women at 10

- Estimates of 2019 revenue and need to enhance contributions to regular resources
- Updates on change management:
 - Optimizing field presence and strengthening capacity in the field
 - Optimizing Headquarters structure and functions
 - Improving and streamlining business processes and workflows
 - Positively addressing workplace relations
- Midterm review of the Strategic Plan – getting to “UN Women 2.0”
- Audit updates

Repositioning of the UN Development System

- UN Women's overarching priorities for the reform:
 - Positioning gender equality and women's empowerment as a systemwide priority and leaving no one behind
 - Support to a strong normative agenda and inclusive participation of all stakeholders
 - More cost-efficient impact for smaller UN entities
- Changing the way we operate:
 - UN Women's engagement in the development of UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks
 - Strengthened Resident Coordinator system
- Leveraging the UN coordination mandate in support of systemwide results

Conclusion

- Expectations for the first regular session
- Engagement with the Executive Board in the year ahead