

## **Item 4. Audit Matters**

**2020/2**

### **Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 and report of the Board of Auditors**

#### *The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2018; *ad ref*
2. *Takes note* of the eighth unqualified audit opinion issued by the Board of Auditors on the financial statements of UN-Women for the year ended 31 December 2018; *ad ref*
3. *Notes* the areas for further improvement as referenced in the Board of Auditors Report for the financial period that ended on the 31 of December 2018 and in this regard, calls on UN-Women management to further strengthen governance, risk management, internal controls, and accountability within the Entity; *ad ref*
4. *Notes with concern* the outstanding audit recommendations from the 2016 and 2017 reports of the United Nations Board of Auditors and the associated lower implementation rate for year ended 31 December 2018 and *further requests* UN-Women to fully implement the outstanding recommendations; *ad ref*
5. *Requests* UN-Women to effectively address the areas highlighted for improvement in the Report of the Board of Auditors; *ad ref*
6. *Takes note* of the management response of UN-Women to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2018. *ad ref*

*14 February 2020*

