Decision 2016/3 - Report on internal audit and investigation activities for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015

As adopted on 28 June 2016

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The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the Report on internal audit and investigation activities for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015;

2. Takes note of the inclusion as requested by Executive Board decision 2015/4 para 3a, of an audit opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the UN-Women’s framework of governance, risk management and controls in the Annual Report of the Office of Internal Audit and Investigations, and notes with appreciation the general satisfactory ratings in this regard;

3. Expresses its continuing support for the audit and investigation functions within UN-Women and requests UN-Women to include appropriate resourcing plans for increased audit and investigation coverage in the next budget to be presented to the Executive Board, for 2018-2019, to ensure that it is appropriate, sufficient and effectively deployed to achieve the desired internal audit and investigation coverage;

4. Notes several areas of recurring weakness, including the high number of audit recommendations that were corporate in nature, appreciates the information provided by UN-Women on the efforts to address these; urges UN-Women to continue and intensify efforts in this regard, and provide information on the impact of measures taken;

5. Requests UN-Women to provide a list of investigated cases including information on the cases and UN-Women’s follow-up as part of the next annual reporting on the internal audit and investigation activities;

6. Takes note of the report of the Audit Advisory Committee for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015.