Decision 2019/3 – Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 and Report of the Board of Auditors

As adopted on 12 February 2019

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 2017;

2. Takes note of the seventh unqualified audit opinion issued by the Board of Auditors on the financial statements of UN-Women for the year ended 31 December 2017;

3. Notes with appreciation the high implementation rate of audit recommendations to date and encourages UN-Women to continue increasing the rate of implementation even further;

4. Requests UN-Women to prioritize the implementation of the five main audit recommendations identified by the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2017 on the need to: make the entity inclusive of and accessible to staff with disabilities; ensure field offices comply with the organization-wide risk assessment plan and provide staff with fraud assessment awareness training; and address the findings related to implementing partners, including strengthening field offices’ capacity to address these issues;

5. Further requests UN-Women to fully address the four outstanding recommendations from the 2016 report of the United Nations Board of Auditors;