Remarks at the Second Regular session of the UN Women Executive Board by
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➢ Pleasure to be at the Executive Board at this crucial moment for the organization.

➢ The Deputy Executive Director – Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships is a new portfolio in UN Women reflecting the organization’s maturity and incorporating learnings from the past nine years.

➢ Foremost is our focus on the sustainability of UN Women’s positive impact on the peoples and countries we serve. Within UN Women, we underscore not only the sustainability of financial resources but more importantly, the sustainability of human resources, our most valued asset.

➢ As part of the restructuring process, we are looking at our overall sustainability as an institution and the impact we have. We are only as good as our impact, so the focus on results across all areas of our work is essential.

➢ The context of UNDS reform, particularly the revitalized RC system and the new Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, offers substantial capacity for delivering improved results on gender equality across the UN family. It also places a significant responsibility on UN Women to ensure that this opportunity is realised.

➢ On the revenue side, in 2018, UN Women recorded the highest income and highest level of programme delivery since its inception, demonstrating the organization’s growing operational capacity as well as our ability to deliver growth.

➢ UN Women is extremely keen to partner with the Executive Board Members to improve the predictability, flexibility and alignment of financial resources for the implementation of 2018-2021 Strategic Plan.
➢ In this connection, the resource projections proposed for 2020-2021, though challenging to meet, are achievable and also crucial to deliver on our mandated activities.

➢ We have had a number of positive indications from our main donors with regard to increases in particular in regular resources, and are also making progress with regard to the private sector and individual donors as part of ongoing efforts to deepen and diversify our partnerships.

➢ The Structured Dialogue on Financing allows UN Women the opportunity to more regularly engage with Member States on fully resourcing the results of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021, in alignment with QCPR and Executive Board mandates, as well as the Funding Compact.

➢ 2020 will be pivotal for UN Women and its mandate. I take up my role at a time when more than ever UN Women must deliver results in particular for Beijing+25 and UNDS reform. I very much look forward to working with you all to ensure that happens.

➢ Thank You.