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Report on the Structured Dialogue on Financing the Results of the UN-Women Strategic Plan, 2022-2025

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report on the Structured Dialogue on Financing the Results of the UN-Women Strategic Plan, 2022–2025 (UNW 2024/7), including progress made on entity-specific commitments of the funding compact;
2. *Encourages* UN-Women to include, in its existing reporting on the Structured Dialogue on Financing, an analysis on strategic considerations and future directions which takes challenges and risks of strategic importance for its funding and financing into consideration;
3. *Notes* the importance of sufficient, predictable regular resources, made available early in the year which is critical for UN-Women to effectively execute its normative, coordination and operational gender equality and women's empowerment mandate and strategically respond to complex humanitarian and development contexts and the Women, Peace and Security agenda;
4. *Notes* the importance of flexible, multi-year other resources, particularly through the direct funding of UN-Women Strategic Notes, which align programming with national development priorities and promote UN system-wide coherence in support of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;
5. *Emphasizes* the importance of financing for gender equality and women's empowerment to support progress on Sustainable Development Goal 5 indicators;
6. *Welcomes* the new funding compact for the United Nations' support to the Sustainable Development Goals and calls on UN-Women and encourages Member States to fully implement their respective commitments, in line with relevant ECOSOC resolutions;
7. *Encourages* UN-Women to continue to engage with relevant stakeholders, including the private sector, to diversify its potential sources of funding and to strengthen partnerships with international financial institutions;
8. *Encourages* UN-Women to continue its engagement with Member States, through structured funding dialogues, on prioritizing contributions to regular resources, and shifting from highly earmarked to more predictable and flexible funding.

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Comprehensive review of the joint cost-recovery policy

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the comprehensive review of the joint cost-recovery policy [DP/FPA/ICEF-UNW/2024/1];

2. *Acknowledges* the criticality of ensuring the recovery of all direct and indirect costs to programmes and projects;
3. *Resolves* that the joint cost-recovery policy, as outlined in document DP/FPA/ICEF-UNW/2024/1, supersedes the previous cost-recovery policy;
4. *Approves* the cost-classification categories, and their definitions outlined in the policy, effective 1 January 2026, as follows:
 - a) Development and humanitarian activities, with subcategories:
 - i. programmes;
 - ii. development effectiveness activities;
 - b) United Nations development coordination activities;
 - c) Enabling functions, with subcategories:
 - i. Management activities;
 - ii. Independent oversight and assurance activities;
 - iii. Special-purpose activities;
5. *Approves* the cost-recovery policy, including the methodology and rates as outlined in the policy;
6. *Recalls* decision 2020/8, paragraph 4 and requests UN-Women, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to provide information requested therein, in a joint harmonized report, to be discussed under: its Structured Dialogue on Financing agenda item at the Second Regular Session each year;
7. *Further requests* UN-Women, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to continue to present, in a harmonized way, in its existing reporting, the calculations of the notional cost-recovery;
8. *Requests* UN-Women, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to present a comprehensive review of the cost-recovery policy and its implementation for decision at the Second Regular Session 2028, and further requests UN-Women, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to organize a joint briefing in 2027 to present a joint timeline for the review and preliminary observations and findings from the implementation of the cost-recovery policy.

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JIU review of governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women

The Executive Board,

1. *Recalls* its decision 2024/3, on the consideration of the JIU report (JIU/REP/2023/7), which requested the Bureau of the Executive Board of UN-Women to provide, in consultation with the bureaux of the participating Boards, an update on the implementation of this decision at the Second Regular Session 2024;

2. *Welcomes* the update provided by the Bureau at the Second Regular Session 2024.

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JIU Review of Management and Administration in UN-Women

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the JIU report “Review of management and administration in the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)”, [JIU/REP/2024/1];
2. *Also notes* the need for further consideration by the Executive Board of the recommendations from the JIU’s review of management and administration in UN Women, including those addressed to the Executive Board and decides to continue to discuss the recommendations of the review, as appropriate, under existing agenda items;
3. *Requests* UN Women to provide a written update and informal briefing before the 2025 First Regular Session of the Board on the implementation plan of the Pivoting to Regions and Countries initiative, including a timeline, an elaboration of the substantive and economic returns, cost-benefit analysis, risk assessment and mitigation measures;
4. *Encourages* UN-Women to consider the informal recommendations with explicit links to the Pivoting to Regions and Countries initiative in developing the implementation plan.

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