



Closing remarks of H.E. Ambassador Ib Petersen, President of the UN-Women Executive Board 2015

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I thank the executive director for these concluding remarks, which were at the same time very informative about our programme for the next year.

No doubt that there are many expectations facing UN Women this year, and we have had a very good discussion today on how we can support UN Women in strengthening their work on gender equality and the empowerment of women in both.

I think we have had a very good session, it has been a long day but it has been a good day, we have taken a decision on evaluation, which was very important to me.

I think the evaluation institution, so to speak, is one of the most important tools of the board and the management. It was gratifying to hear that UN Women's evaluation unit is on a very good track, getting good marks, and I think by making and adopting this decision we have really established a platform for evaluation to play the role they should play in the work of UN Women.

Then we had the opportunity to discuss the work with men and boys, and we are all behind you in this endeavour, also in the months to come.

We've also had a good discussion on the structured financing dialogue, and I look forward to continue that, we touched upon some very important issues here, and there was a really good joint assessment in the board on the specific challenges that we need to focus on. I definitely look forward to continue that dialogue at coming meetings.

Let me round up by thanking all members of the executive board for a very fruitful and productive day. I think we have made very good work. I would also like to thank the representatives of the civil society organisations for their contributions to the work, and my

fellow partners at the bureau for their support. I know you will help me in leading and guiding the EB on this in this crucial year, so I count on your support and strong commitment.

I would also like to thank Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and her staff, her whole team, all the colleagues from UN Women who have been here, assisting us today, and all those who are doing a lot of work out there in the field every day, that's extremely important. Thanks also to the Secretariat here as well.

And finally let me thank the interpreters.

With these words I'd like to adjourn the meeting - the meeting is adjourned.