

**Decision 2016/4 - Report on Structured Dialogue on Financing: UN-Women's funding overview, gaps and financing strategy**

As adopted on 2 September 2016

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*The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the report on Structured Dialogue on Financing: UN-Women's funding overview, gaps and financing strategy, and appreciates UN-Women's engagement in this structured dialogue with Member States, with a view to tracking, assessing and following up on the level of funding it receives, including of core resources, as well as the predictability, flexibility and alignment of resources provided for the implementation of the strategic plan 2014-2017;
2. *Recognizes* that the demand for UN-Women's support is substantial and that UN-Women's support functions have increased;
3. *Recognizes* the importance of UN-Women being provided with predictable, flexible, quality and timely resources and notes the need to address the funding gap in resources to enable the Entity to fully implement its strategic plan 2014-2017, and to respond to its central role in supporting Member States, upon their request, in the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the large number of contributors to UN-Women, and encourages all countries in a position to do so, to increase their voluntary contributions to UN-Women, especially to its core resources, and onwards, if possible through multi-year pledges;
5. *Requests* UN-Women to continue to improve its efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability and in this regard to continue to provide information on its program activities, within the proceedings of the Executive Board;
6. *Calls* for resources to be disbursed in a timely and predictable manner, to ensure efficient planning for the full implementation of the strategic plan 2014-2017, in line with UN-Women's available resources;
7. *Notes with appreciation* UN-Women's strategic and targeted use of core resources, in line with its strategic plan 2014-2017, to leverage an increase in resource mobilization, particularly of other resources;

8. *Takes note with appreciation* of UN-Women's continuing efforts in strengthening normative-operational linkages, United Nations system coordination, improving programmatic focus, programme delivery and operational effectiveness to support the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment;

9. *Requests* UN-Women, in collaboration with other relevant funds and programmes, to present in accordance with the Executive Board decision 2013/2, all requested information on cost recovery to the Executive Board in time to be included for the consultations on the strategic plan 2018-2021 and the integrated budget 2018-2019 at its Annual session 2017;

10. *Requests* that UN-Women, in line with its mandate, continues to:

a) provide information on efforts to expand the donor base, including reporting on non-Member State donors and on the transaction costs of those efforts;

b) develop strategies and opportunities to expand its partnerships with the private sector, civil society organizations, philanthropic organizations, the general public, multilateral organizations, international financial institutions and global public-private partnerships in a transparent and coordinated manner, as suggested in the Guidelines on Cooperation between the United Nations and the Business Sector.