

Decision 2017/5 - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Strategic Plan 2018-2021

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The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the preparatory work done and the various informal briefings and workshops with the Executive Board as well as other relevant stakeholders, on the process of elaboration of UN-Women's Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 and endorses the UN-Women Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;
2. *Requests* UN-Women to implement its Strategic Plan in accordance with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the outcome documents of their reviews, and applicable United Nations instruments, standards and resolutions that support, address and contribute to gender equality and the empowerment and the advancement of women, as well as with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with the agreement and consent of the host country, taking into account the different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policy space, while remaining consistent with relevant international rules and commitments;
3. *Reaffirms* that the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development and should therefore continue to be the highest priority for and underlying objective of the operational activities of the United Nations development system, including UN-Women;
4. *Calls upon* UN-Women, in implementing its Strategic Plan, to continue to play a central role in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and in supporting Member States, upon their request, in coordinating the United Nations system and in mobilizing civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders, at all levels, in support of the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
5. *Requests* the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director to submit to the Executive Board at its annual session in 2018, the final progress report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017;
6. *Requests* the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director to submit to the Executive Board, beginning at its annual session in 2019, an annual progress report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and to provide updates at its regular sessions in 2020, 2021 and 2022;

7. *Requests* the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director to undertake a midterm review of the UN-Women Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, that includes an assessment of results achieved, cost effectiveness, evaluations, and progress made in achieving the vision of the Strategic Plan, taking into account decisions by Member States on the Secretary-General's proposals responding to General Assembly resolution 71/243, and to present the findings in her annual report to the Executive Board in 2020;

8. *Takes note* of the Common Chapter to the Strategic Plans of UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA and UN-Women; *requests* UN-Women if changes are made to the Chapter to align it with UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA after endorsement by their respective Executive Boards and resubmit it for endorsement by the UN-Women Executive Board; and *encourages* UN-Women to provide details on its implementation in its annual reporting and, when applicable and as appropriate, at the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN Women and WFP.