

Decision 2017/7 - Structured Dialogue on Financing: Financing the UN-Women Strategic Plan 2018-2021

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The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the report on Structured Dialogue on Financing: Financing the UN-Women Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and encourages UN-Women to engage further in 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 predictability, flexibility and alignment of resource provided for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;
2. *Recognizes* that sufficient regular resources are important to fully and effectively deliver on the implementation of UN-Women's Strategic Plan, 2018-2021; notes that regular resources enable UN-Women to plan ahead, be responsive and strategic; strengthen their oversight functions (evaluation, audit, and investigation) and accountability; contribute to strengthening UN system coherence and coordination; and leverage other resources to advance gender equality and women's empowerment;
3. *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;
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, particularly its core resources, preferably paid early in the year and/or in a timely manner, and, if possible, through multi-year pledges;
5. *Encourages* countries, in a position to do so, to provide timely and flexible Other Resources (earmarked) aligned with the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;
6. *Encourages* countries, in a position to do so, to support the United Nations pooled funding mechanisms, and encourages UN-Women to benefit from them in order to reduce the number of donor specific agreements and to strengthen coherence and coordination across the United Nations System;
7. *Calls* for resources to be distributed in a timely and predictable manner, to ensure efficient planning for the full implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, in line with UN-Women's available resources;
8. *Request* UN-Women to provide information on the impact of donor-specific agreements on transaction costs and efficiency of UN-Women, as part of the next report of UN-Women on structured dialogue on financing.