

Decision 2018/5 - Structured Dialogue on Financing: Investing in Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment through Financing UN-Women's Strategic Plan 2018-2021

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The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the 2018 report on Structured Dialogue on Financing: Investing in Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment through Financing UN-Women's Strategic Plan 2018-2021, and encourages UN-Women to continue engaging in a structured dialogue with Member States throughout the year, with a view of assessing the level of funding it receives, and funding gaps, as well as the predictability, flexibility and alignment of financial resources provided for the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021, without prejudging the outcomes of the Secretary-General's funding compact;
2. *Recognizes* the efforts of UN-Women on resource mobilization and that sufficient regular resources are the bedrock 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 its efforts 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. *Recognises* that the leadership of Member States in supporting UN-Women and their deepened engagement with and further investment in gender equality and women's empowerment, with guidance of the Executive Board, is essential for the successful implementation of UN-Women's Strategic Plan 2018-2021 and in this regard notes with appreciation the increasing number of contributors to UN-Women, takes note of the status of regular resources revenue, and urges 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 multiyear 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. *Requests* UN-Women to continue improving the format and content of the report on Structured Dialogue on Financing, in order to further improve the quality of the Structured Dialogue on Financing, including by providing an overview of the funding in relation to the

implementation of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021, taking into account both regular and other resources;

7. *Encourages* UN-Women to continue working jointly with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF to improve collaboration on structured funding dialogues;

8. *Welcomes* the commitment of UN-Women, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General's transition team and other programmes, funds and specialized agencies, to implement General Assembly resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018 on repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system; also welcomes the updates provided with preliminary analysis of the financial and other implications of the resolution and requests UN-Women to continue to engage with the Executive Board in this regard, providing regular updates as from 2019;

9. *Recalls* Executive Board decision 2018/1 on the Annual Report of the Under Secretary-General/Executive Director on the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017 and requests UN-Women to double its contribution to the existing United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG) cost-sharing arrangement, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/279, to deposit its 2019 contribution as soon as possible, taking into account the Secretary-General's implementation plan, in order to operationalize the new resident coordinator system from 1 January 2019, and to report on progress in this regard to the Executive Board at the annual session 2019;

10. *Requests* that UN-Women, as part of the UNSDG, collaborate with the Secretary-General's transition team to support the establishment of a system-wide approach to implementing all the funding modalities set out in General Assembly resolution 72/279, including the levy, and to report to the Executive Board at the first regular session 2019;

11. *Requests* that UN-Women present clear, transparent information on its contribution to resident coordinator funding modalities to the Executive Board at the annual session 2019;

12. *Calls on* UN-Women to review its planning, financing and results reporting processes to ensure effective joint collaboration in the context of the revitalized UNDAF, and to provide an update at the next session of the Executive Board on adjustments required;

13. *Request* UN-Women to regularly update the Executive Board on the ways it supports the work of the Resident Coordinators, and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, on matters related to gender equality and the empowerment of women, in accordance with its mandate, as well as on the implications of the new generation of UN country teams, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 72/279, on its regional architecture and country set up.