



**Executive Board of the  
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Equality and the Empowerment  
of Women**

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**Evaluation and audit matters**

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**The Evaluation Policy for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the  
Empowerment of Women**

The Executive Board:

1. *Approves* the evaluation policy outlined in report UNW/2012/12 on the evaluation function of UN- Women with respect to its mandate;
2. *Recognizes* that the performance indicators included in the organization`s strategic plan and United Nations Evaluation Group norms and standards form an integral basis for UN-Women evaluation;
3. *Recognizes* that accountability to stakeholders, credible and reliable evidence for decision making and contributions to knowledge are the three equally important purposes of the evaluation;
4. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the steps taken by UN-Women to ensure an independent, credible and useful evaluation function, and in this regard, *requests* UN-Women to allocate sufficient human and financial resources to the Evaluation Office and the overall evaluation function;
5. *Requests* UN-Women to ensure compliance with the evaluation policy through the establishment of mechanisms for the implementation of its principles and commitments and for increased capacities in the areas of programme design, monitoring and evaluation, bearing in

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<sup>1</sup> UNW/2012/L.4\*

mind that programme countries should have greater ownership and leadership in the evaluation of all forms of assistance;

6. *Further requests* UN-Women to report on a regular basis on the progress made in continuing to strengthen the evaluation function and improve the use of evaluation.