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Report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on progress made on the Strategic Plan 2018-2021

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on progress made on the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021, and commends UN-Women on its strong performance on the Strategic Plan 2018-2021;
2. *Recognizes* UN-Women's contribution and its focused engagement within the United Nations development system to ensure that gender equality and women's and girls empowerment continue to be an integral part of the sustainable development agenda;
3. *Encourages* UN-Women to continue the full implementation of its triple mandate, in accordance with A/RES/64/289, which includes normative support, UN system-wide coordination and operational activities;
4. *Recalling* the voluntary commitments made by both member states and UN-Women in the UN Funding Compact, and takes note with concern of the funding gap in regular resources, and encourage all countries in a position to do so to increase voluntary contributions for the full and effective implementation of the Strategic Plan 2022-2025, and encourage strengthened partnerships in this regard;
5. *Encourages* UN-Women to continue its strong performance in meeting its targets in line with the results framework of the Strategic Plan and applicable guidance of the 2020 Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, and requests UN-Women, while taking into account its own priorities, to further advance collaboration with other United Nations entities to continue aligning methodologies for planning and reporting on results;
6. *Decides* to transmit the report to the Economic and Social Council.

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Report on the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women 2021

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the 2021 report on UN-Women's evaluation function and the Independent Evaluation Service 2022 programme of work and budget;
2. *Takes note with appreciation* that UN-Women continues to maintain an independent, credible and useful evaluation function and of its contribution to system-wide gender-responsive evaluation efforts and national evaluation capacity development, and encourages UN-Women to continue to make use of evaluation results including in its decision making processes;

3. *Encourages* UN-Women to increase investments towards allocation of at least 2 per cent and up to 3 per cent of its total programme expenditure to the evaluation function, and requests UN-Women to continue working to safeguard the Independence of the Independent Evaluation Service and ensuring evaluation expertise in the Advisory Committee on Oversight (ACO);
4. *Expresses* continued support for strengthening UN-Women's evaluation function and use of evaluations.

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Report on internal audit and investigation activities for the period
from 1 January to 31 December 2021

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the report on internal audit and investigation activities for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021;
2. *Takes note* of the Advisory Committee on Oversight's report;
3. *Urges* UN-Women management in its continuous efforts to further strengthen its second line of defence and the establishment of a Statement of Internal Controls;
4. *Takes note* of the Executive Director's announced intent to create an independent ethics function within UN-Women;
5. *Requests* an informal briefing on the ethics function within UN-Women ahead of the second regular session 2022, including an update on the Executive Director's intent to create an independent ethics function; further requests ethics be added as a recurring stand-alone item for decision on the agenda of annual sessions and for UN Women to provide an annual official report on its ethics function starting at its annual session 2023;
6. *Requests* closed briefings from the Independent Evaluation and Audit Services of UN-Women, in coordination with the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services, in a timely manner and on a regular basis throughout the year and as needed, on potential red flags, audit findings and the status of investigations;
7. *Requests* the Director of the IEAS, in coordination with OIOS, to provide at the second regular session of 2022 an assessment on the independence of the Service, containing reflections on (but not limited to) the degree to which the IEAS can determine freely: (a) how and when to report to and brief the Executive Board; (b) the scope of audits and investigations; (c) what and who to audit or investigate; (d) what assessments to make; (e) how to utilize available funds; and (f) its relationship with the OIOS; and requests the Director to also provide suggestions and pathways on how to further strengthen the independence of the Service, as well as the budget estimate required for the execution of the full mandate, and requests a closed informal briefing between the management of IEAS, together with OIOS, and Executive Board members and observers on this topic in advance of the second regular session of 2022;
8. *Decides* to include an item on internal controls for decision at the second regular session 2022.

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2022/6

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations Development System

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the updates provided by UN-Women on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 and related mandates on the 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 (QCPR);
2. *Encourages* UN-Women to continue to implement, as appropriate, General Assembly resolution 72/279, 75/233 and other relevant reform resolutions, including through supporting the efforts of the Secretary-General in implementing UNDS reform;
3. *Encourages* UN-Women, whilst delivering on its mandate, to continue aligning its Strategic Notes with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and takes notes of progress in this regard;
4. *Takes note* of UN-Women's partnerships with international financial institutions, and seeks an update at the first regular session of 2023 on UN-Women's engagement with IFIs;
5. *Recalls* the QCPR and stresses the importance of integrated solutions to address complex, multi-faceted challenges impacting achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and requests UN-Women to update the Board on how they are supporting collaboration in joint analysis, needs assessments, planning, including collective outcomes, and programme delivery, within existing reporting mechanisms;
6. *Recognizes* the important role of UN-Women and the respective contributions of UN-Women's country representatives to the collective results of the United Nations development system towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and requests an update on how UN-Women's country representatives are assessed in contributing to the implementation of reform at country level and on UN-Women's compliance with the Management and Accountability Framework;
7. *Stresses* the need for United Nations development system entities to continue playing their part in enhancing system-wide coherence, coordination, harmonization and efficiency, reduce duplication and build synergies, as appropriate and in accordance with decisions of their governing bodies, and requests UN-Women, in this regard, to provide the Executive Board with an update on realized efficiency gains through these efforts, within existing reporting mechanisms;
8. *Noting* UN-Women's mandate to support gender mainstreaming across the UN system, encourages UN-Women to continue strengthening the availability of its expertise in countries where it is non-resident, including through the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, or equivalent planning frameworks, in accordance with programme countries priorities.

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