



## **Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women**

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#### **Management response to the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the UN Women integrated budget estimates for 2014-2015**

1. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) expresses its appreciation to the Chair and the members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for their valuable comments and advice on the integrated budget estimates for 2014-2015 (UNW/2013/7). The comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee (UNW/2013/8) are well received and appreciated. UN-Women would like to provide, in the following paragraphs, management's response to selected comments and recommendations, of the Advisory Committee, where warranted.

2. UN-Women highly appreciates that the Advisory Committee has no objection to the integrated budget estimates of UN-Women for the 2014-2015 biennium and its recommendation to the Executive Board to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$174.9 million (gross), including \$20 million for cost recovery from other resources. Similarly UN Women is appreciative of the Committee further recommending that the Executive Board authorizes UN-Women to allocate \$2 million to continuing improvement of its organizational effectiveness and efficiency initiative.

3. UN-Women is maintaining a two year budget period for 2014-2015 in order to remain aligned with the Regular Budget period and to allow for more accurate projections over the period for which resources are requested. However, as UN-Women looks ahead to alignment with UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA, which have presented four year integrated budgets, it takes good note of the Advisory Committee's recommendation to factor in the potential challenges in estimating resource requirements as well as projected income over a four-year period as well as the importance of building into the four year integrated budget regular oversight by legislative

bodies through a midterm review every two years. UN-Women will ensure that when a four year budget is presented that it prepares a thorough and detailed analysis of requirements and commits to a mid-term review every two years.

4. UN-Women takes note of the Advisory Committee's recommendation to the Executive Board to request UN-Women to further develop the analysis requested in A/RES/65/259 and to present its findings to the Board at its next meeting. This functional analysis was initially requested as part of the Regular Budget process and further comments have been made by the Advisory Committee within their report on the Programme Budget 2014-2015. UN Women will provide further clarifications on the outcome of the functional analysis to the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> committee session in the context of the regular budget discussion, 2014-2015. “

5. UN-Women appreciates and takes good note of the Advisory Committee's encouragement to increase its resource mobilization efforts in order to meet its target for the 2014-2015 biennium. As noted within the integrated budget proposal UN-Women is fully committed to increasing its revenue receipts from both regular and other resources. It will intensify its resource mobilization efforts through the approaches outlined in paragraph 9 of the ACABQ report to achieve this increase. UN-Women believes that there is every possibility that the total revenue target of \$690 million can be achieved during the 2014-2015 biennium, with the support of Member States and other partners..

6. UN-Women takes note of the Advisory committee's recommendation that income from interest be reflected separately in future budget documents. As noted for 2014-15 a relatively small amount of approximately \$4m is projected to be received in interest income from both core and non-core resources across the biennium. In future, however, from the 2016-2017 budget period, UN-Women will present income interest separately within its integrated budget proposal.

7. To conclude, as noted above, UN-Women is highly appreciative that the Advisory Committee recommends approval of its 2014-2015 integrated budget estimates.