

Decision 2017/6 - Integrated budget estimates for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for the biennium 2018-2019

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The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note of* the UN-Women integrated budget estimates for 2018-2019 which covers all cost categories and funding sources (both regular and other resources) within a single, consolidated proposal, to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2018-2021;
2. *Approves* gross resources in the amount of \$203.8 million for the institutional budget to support organizational effectiveness and efficiency and notes that these estimates include an amount of \$31.4 million for cost recovery from other resources (earmarked voluntary contributions);
3. *Notes with appreciation* the inclusion of separate budget lines for the independent internal audit and the evaluation office;
4. *Notes* that in the event that actual cost recovery is higher than the estimates included in the budget proposal, the additional amount may be used for management activities to allow more regular resources to be used for programme activities, request the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on its utilization in the context of the next budget proposal, and asks UN-Women to further strive for an overall reduction of the ratio of its management costs;
5. *Takes note of* the related Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (UNW/2017/9) and the related response of UN-Women to the ACABQ report (UNW/2017/CRP.11);
6. Bearing in mind the ACABQ recommendation contained in paragraph 20 of its report (UNW/2017/9), *acknowledges* the submission of five posts performing normative intergovernmental functions for inclusion in the United Nations Secretariat regular budget 2018-2019 and agrees that, should these posts be approved by the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, the corresponding costs will be removed from the institutional budget 2018-2019, thus increasing resources to be used for programme activities;
7. *Recalls* the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/64/289 whereby Member States agreed “that the resources required to service the normative intergovernmental processes shall be funded from the regular budget and approved by the General Assembly; the resources required to service

the operational intergovernmental processes and operational activities at all levels shall be funded from voluntary contributions and approved by the Executive Board”;

8. Bearing in mind the ACABQ recommendations contained in paragraphs 13 and 17 of its report (UNW/2017/9) *requests* UN-Women to further consider its proposals to upgrade the P-5 Chief of Accounts post to a D-1 Deputy Director, Financial Management post, and the D-1 Director of Evaluation post to a D-2 Director post to provide level post for internal audit and evaluation;

9. *Requests also* UN-Women to revert to the original organizational arrangement as to the reporting line of the Human Resources Division as contained in the Integrated Budget estimates of UN-Women for the biennium 2014-2015, and reflect this change in annex I of the Integrated Budget estimates of UN-Women for the biennium 2018-2019;

10. *Requests* UN-Women to present for information the concrete steps it will have taken under the consolidated internal audit and evaluation function to ensure appropriate audit coverage, the continued independence of evaluation and oversight, as well as measures taken to ensure effective linkages between audit and the outsourced investigation services, at least four weeks in advance of the first regular session of the Executive Board in 2018;

11. *Requests* UN-Women to provide for information a transitional risk-based audit plan; a multi-year plan for the audit function; and, an internal audit and evaluation charter for UN-Women, at least four weeks in advance of the first regular session of the Executive Board in 2018.