

**Decision 2018/1 - Annual Report of the Under Secretary-General/Executive Director on the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017**

As adopted on 20 June 2018

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*The Executive Board,*

1. *Takes note* of the Annual Report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director on the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017;
2. *Commends* UN-Women on a strong performance to date, and notes with appreciation that UN-Women has reached the majority of the objectives of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, further takes note of the progress made in results-based management system and requests UN-Women to continue to improve its efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability;
3. *Takes note of* the increased number of partnerships for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and encourages UN-Women to continue its efforts in this regard;
4. *Encourages* UN-Women to continue to take into account lessons learned from the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, in support of the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;
5. *Recognizes* the interagency efforts being made to advance the Common Chapter of their strategic plans and requests UN-Women to continue consultations with United Nations funds and programmes on the harmonized format for Common Chapter reporting and asks UN-Women to report on the status of the implementation of the Common Chapter, starting with the annual report for 2018, at the joint meeting of the Executive Boards and at its annual session;
6. *Commends* UN-Women on effectively leveraging its mandate as a composite entity in assisting Member States, upon their request, and in ensuring coherence, consistency and coordination between the normative and operational aspects of its work; and reaffirms the important role of UN-Women in leading, coordinating and promoting the accountability of the United Nations system in its work on gender equality and women's empowerment and on gender mainstreaming across the United Nations System;
7. *Requests* UN-Women to continue to engage with the Secretary-General, other United Nations development system (UNDS) entities and Member States with a view to support full implementation of General Assembly resolutions 71/243 and 72/279, including its contribution to a smooth transition and business continuity of the resident coordinator system;
8. *Requests* UN-Women, as a UNDS entity, to engage with the Secretary-General and Member States to support preparation of a well-thought-out implementation plan for the inception of the

reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including on the operationalization of its funding arrangements, to be presented to the General Assembly;

9. *Also requests* UN-Women to present a preliminary analysis of the financial and other implications of resolution 72/279 for UN-Women to the Executive Board at the second regular session 2018;

10. *Further requests* UN-Women, in accordance with resolution 72/279, to provide its contribution to the adequate, predictable and sustainable funding of the resident coordinator system, in line with the forthcoming implementation plan for the inception of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system to be presented to the General Assembly, on an annual basis starting 1 January 2019;

11. *Welcomes* the Executive Directors commitment to implementing resolutions 71/243 and 72/279 and in this regard encourages the secretariat of the UN-Women Executive Board to work together with the secretariats of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and WFP Executive Boards to produce a joint response to the 2018 joint meeting of the Executive Boards segment on working methods by no later than four weeks before the second regular session 2018, allowing for a consultation process among Member States ahead of that session;

12. *Requests* UN-Women to provide in advance of the second regular session 2018 an overview of funding gaps in relation to the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, taking into account both regular and other resources, and encourages countries in a position to do so, to increase their contributions, especially to regular resources, to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and requests UN-Women to be transparent in the use of resources to achieve programme results;

13. *Decides* to transmit the report to the Economic and Social Council.