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Structured Dialogue on Financing the results of the UN-Women Strategic Plan, 2018-2021

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the report on the Structured Dialogue on Financing the Results of the UN-Women Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 (UNW 2020/7);
2. *Recognizes* the improvements UN-Women has made to structured dialogues on financing and encourage UN-Women to continue engaging in structured dialogues with all Member States throughout the year;
3. *Requests* UN-Women to continue its efforts to improve its efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability and in this regard to continue to provide information on its programme activities, within the proceedings of the Executive Board;
4. *Requests* UN-Women to update the Executive Board ahead of the annual session of 2021 and report at the second regular session of 2021, as part of the structured dialogue on financing, on how UN-Women will mitigate the effects of potential decreases in regular and other resources, including the impact on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and in the context of preparations for the next Strategic Plan;
5. *Notes* the declining level of regular resources as a share of voluntary contribution revenue, which in 2019 fell below the Funding Compact threshold of 30 per cent;
6. *Encourages* all Member States in a position to do so, to increase their voluntary contributions to UN-Women, especially to its regular resources and to prioritize flexible and timely resources aligned with the Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, and, if possible, through multi-year commitments, in order for UN-Women to preserve the capacity to carry out its mandate;
7. *Recognizes* the disproportionate socio-economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic on women and girls and encourages Member States in a position to do so, to make targeted investments in gender equality and women’s empowerment through voluntary contributions to UN-Women, especially to its regular resources, as well as to support flexible pooled interagency funding mechanisms, in line with the funding compact;
8. *Recognizes* the progress made by UN-Women on entity-specific commitments of the funding compact and requests UN-Women to engage with United Nations development system entities and the United Nations Development Coordination Office in the Office’s coordination of a further harmonization of these indicators across the United Nations development system while maintaining their entity-specific relevance;
9. *Notes* the lack of a commonly agreed definition for ‘joint activities’ and requests UN-Women to engage with United Nations development system entities and the United Nations Development Coordination Office in the Office’s coordination of the formulation of a system-wide definition of joint activity expenditures undertaken by the United Nations development system entities that accurately reflects the cooperation taking place among UNDS entities on joint development activities;
10. *Requests* UN-Women to continue to support full implementation of the Business Operations Strategy across all United Nations country teams by 2021.

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2020/8 Report on the Joint comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy

The Executive Board,

1. *Approves* the joint comprehensive cost-recovery policy (DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/1), including cost-classification categories, methodology and rates, effective 1 January 2022;
2. *Requests* UN-Women, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to adapt the presentation of the national committees' rates in table 4 of the policy, clarifying that in the case of UNICEF, the 5 per cent rate is applicable only to thematic contributions raised by National Committees;
3. *Resolves* that the comprehensive cost-recovery policy as outlined in document DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/1 supersedes the previous cost-recovery policy, including cost-classification categories, methodology and rates;
4. *Requests* UN-Women, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to provide harmonized annual reporting on the progress of implementation of the cost-recovery policy as an annex to their respective existing reporting, including the presentation of the financial impact of the harmonized differentiated rates and waivers granted, and to continue including, in line with the policy, inter alia an itemization of each waiver/discount listing the donor name, total contribution, programme name, cost-recovery rate and United States dollar value of the waiver/discount, as well as the resulting effective cost-recovery rates and cost-recovery amounts realized;
5. *Decides* that agreements signed prior to 1 January 2022 will be honoured using the existing cost-recovery rates (per Executive Board decision 2013/2) and that new agreements as well as revisions of existing agreements that result in additional/new contributions signed after 1 January 2022, will comply with the rates in the cost-recovery policy as approved in this decision;
6. *Further requests* UN-Women, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to present in a harmonized way in their existing reporting the calculations of the notional cost-recovery rates in their respective integrated budget documents;
7. *Requests* UN-Women, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to present a comprehensive review of the cost-recovery policy and its implementation for decision at the second regular session 2024, and further requests UN-Women, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF, to organize a joint briefing in 2023 to present a joint timeline for the review and preliminary observations and findings from the implementation of the cost-recovery policy.

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Working methods

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the joint response of the Executive Board secretariats of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women;
2. *Approves* the proposal for the rearranged annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2021, which seeks to reduce the workload of the second regular session;

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

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the amendments made to align to the Evaluation Policy to the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and *endorses* the revised Evaluation Policy.

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