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Annual 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

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 (UNW/2021/2), and further note UN-Women’s strong performance to date in meeting its annual targets; *ad ref*
2. *Recognizes* the measures taken by UN-Women as part of a coordinated international response in the context of COVID-19, including through the creation and utilization of relevant analytical and data-collection tools that support mainstreaming a gender perspective in the COVID-19 response and recovery efforts; *ad ref*
3. *Encourages* UN-Women to take into account lessons learned from the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2018–2021, including its midterm review, as well as from its previous strategic plans; *ad ref*
4. *Encourages* UN-Women to assess the targets set for the outputs of the Strategic Plan 2018–2021, especially those that have consistently been overachieved, and present alternatives in the Strategic Plan 2022–2025; *ad ref*
5. *Urges* UN-Women to continue to align, as appropriate, its results framework with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Sustainable Development Goals; *ad ref*
6. *Encourages* UN-Women to design the results framework of the Strategic Plan 2022-2025 in line with applicable guidance of the 2020 QCPR, and requests UN-Women while taking into account its own priorities, to harmonize, where appropriate, its indicators with other United Nations entities, with a focus on all results levels, and maximize the use of common results indicators; *ad ref*
7. *Requests* UN-Women to provide in a timely manner, ahead of the second regular session of 2021, more-detailed information on the results framework, including on the relationship to the QCPR; *ad ref*
8. *Decides* to transmit the report to the Economic and Social Council. *ad ref*

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Report on the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women 2020

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the 2020 report on the evaluation function of UN-Women, the 2021 programme of work and budget of the Independent Evaluation Service; *ad ref*
2. *Takes note with appreciation* that UN-Women continues to maintain an independent, credible and useful evaluation function and its contribution to system-wide, gender-responsive evaluation efforts and national evaluation capacity development; *ad ref*
3. *Notes* the report on the corporate evaluation of UN-Women's United Nations system coordination and broader convening role in ending violence against women; *ad ref*
4. *Takes note* of the pilot assessment of disability inclusion in evaluation; *ad ref*
5. *Notes* the progress made in implementing decision 2020/4 and *requests* UN-Women to continue its efforts in order to fully implement this decision with a specific focus on key performance indicators which can be further improved, and further notes its efforts to actively adapt the evaluation function to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic; *ad ref*
6. *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); *ad ref*
7. *Expresses* continuing support for strengthening the independent evaluation function in UN-Women. *ad ref*

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Report on internal audit and investigation activities for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the report on internal audit and investigation activities for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020 and the related management response; *ad ref*
2. *Takes note* of the Advisory Committee on Oversight's report for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020; *ad ref*
3. *Encourages* UN-Women management to continue strengthening its second line of defence and its work on the establishment of a Statement of Internal Controls; *ad ref*
4. *Calls on* the Independent Evaluation and Audit Service of UN-Women, in coordination with UN-Women's external investigations provider, to continue working with UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNICEF and WFP towards harmonized definitions and reporting for internal audits and investigation matters, where applicable and to the extent possible, and to provide feedback to the UN-Women Executive Board in an appropriate manner; *ad ref*

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