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Addendum

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Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

1. During its sixty-first session, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the evaluation function of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) ([E/AC.51/2021/7](#)).
2. The Chair drew attention to the statement of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introducing the report. A representative of OIOS, together with representatives of UN-Women, responded to questions raised by the Committee during its consideration of the report.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed thanks to OIOS for the comprehensiveness and professionalism of the report, as well as the opportunity to learn how UN-Women had adjusted its evaluation function over time, including adjusting the structural organization to the new regional structure of UN-Women, with a view to improving the effectiveness of the Entity and the results achieved relating to gender equality and women's empowerment.
4. Information was sought about the implementation of the four important recommendations made by OIOS, as mentioned in paragraphs 108 to 113 of the report, including which ones had been implemented to date. One delegation enquired about the subsequent revision of recommendation 3, which UN-Women had partially accepted. The delegation noted that, although there were no doubts about the



independence of the UN-Women Independent Evaluation Service, there might be issues of conflict of interest, especially for large donor-funded initiatives.

5. One delegation expressed support for the Entity's proposed programme budget and noted the relevance of UN-Women work in achieving results in the areas of gender equality and women's empowerment.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. **The Committee took note of the report of OIOS and its four important recommendations on the evaluation function of UN-Women. The Committee noted that, while UN-Women had a relevant, high-quality evaluation policy, the policy had needed updating. The Committee noted with appreciation that UN-Women, through its revised evaluation policy of 2020, had already implemented the recommendation regarding the need for an updated evaluation policy reflecting the current organizational structure of the evaluation function and organizational priorities.**

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly endorse the recommendations contained in paragraphs 110 and 113 of the report of OIOS on the inspection of the evaluation function of UN-Women, as well as the revised recommendation contained in annex II to that report.**
