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Working methods

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the rules of procedure of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the World Food Programme (WFP);
2. *Recalls* decision 2018/14 on the working methods of the Executive Board, in which the Bureau of UNICEF, in collaboration with the Bureaux of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UN-Women and WFP, was asked to launch a joint consultative process with the Member States starting at the first regular session of 2019;
3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the formation of the core group of Member States to lead the joint consultative process with Member States, in an open, transparent and inclusive manner, with a view to examining the efficiency and quality of its current sessions as well as the functions of the joint meeting of the Boards, building on the joint response prepared by the secretariats and in close consultation with all Member States, seeking their inputs to the written account of the core group;
4. *Requests* the Executive Board secretariats to support the core group, upon request, in analysing the effects of its findings and suggestions;
5. *Looks forward* to the written account of the core group, to be presented at the joint meeting of the Boards in May 2019, for subsequent consideration of its findings and recommendations by the members and observers of the respective Boards of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP.

