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DRAFT DECISION

96/XX. United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Executive Board

1. Welcomes the report of the external evaluation of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, in accordance with Executive Board decision 96/32;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the initial actions being undertaken by the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the proposals on follow-up to the recommendations of the Fund's external evaluation, as reflected in the reaction of the Fund to the evaluation report given during the current session;

3. Requests the United Nations Development Fund for Women to elaborate on the actions it has taken as follow up to the external evaluation by the first regular session 1997;

Programme strategies

4. Decides that the United Nations Development Fund for Women should produce a strategy and supporting business plan that emphasizes its catalytic, mainstreaming and advocacy roles. This should also demonstrate the Fund's intention to work increasingly with strategic and capacity-building activities. The Fund should report orally on progress by the first regular session of the Executive Board in 1997 and present the strategy paper and business plan during the annual session 1997;

5. Recommends further that the United Nations Development Fund for Women continue to focus its programme and strengthen programme design and performance;

#### Management and administration

6. Authorizes the United Nations Development Fund for Women to take appropriate measures regarding its management information systems and personnel situation commensurate with its financial resources, bearing in mind the need to keep administrative costs under control;

7. Recommends that the United Nations Development Fund for Women give consideration to increasing the number of regional advisers in order to provide field-level technical guidance in support of capacity-building to take forward the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women commensurate with its financial resources;

#### Coordination

8. Requests that the Fund, in undertaking any relevant advocacy activities, cooperate closely with the relevant United Nations organs and bodies, in particular the Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations Secretariat, in order to ensure that its activities form part of the system-wide efforts of the United Nations in the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women;

9. Further requests the Fund to provide its reports to the Commission on the Status of Women;

#### Relationship with the United Nations Development Programme

10. Takes note of the complementarity and value that the United Nations Development Fund for Women in its role as an advocate and broker for the empowerment of women brings to the United Nations Development Programme;

11. Approves the request of the Administrator that the United Nations Development Fund for Women be included among those agencies that may access funds from the support to policy and programme development (SPPD) facility, which will replace the TSS-1 facility in January 1997; and that the modality of direct execution by the Fund for UNDP resources be further explored;

#### Financial and reporting arrangements

12. Endorses the measures that have been taken to improve the financial management of the United Nations Development Fund for Women and authorizes the Fund to re-establish its operational reserve initially at the level of \$3 million to be reviewed at the first regular session 1997 as part of the overall review of the partial funding mechanism of the Fund;

13. Recommends that the General Assembly review the role of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, bearing in mind the need for appropriate governance of the Fund;

14. Further invites the United Nations Development Fund for Women to continue its efforts to diversify its resource based by, inter alia, fund-raising from the private sector;

15. Decides that the United Nations Development Fund for Women resume reporting to the Executive Board on its work biennially as appropriate, preferably during its annual session, except where separate reporting arrangements have been requested.

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