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Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the update provided by UNICEF on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

2. *Requests* UNICEF to work towards adequately sequencing entity-specific country programme documents so that the individual programmes derive directly from the new United Nations Development Assistance Framework (now renamed United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework), which is to be prepared and finalized in full consultation and agreement with national Governments and is the most important planning document of the United Nations development system at the country level; and requests UNICEF to provide an update at the next session of the Executive Board on adjustments required;

3. *Also requests* UNICEF to provide, for information at the next session of the Executive Board, a detailed mapping of its regional assets and capacities, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) and mindful of ongoing discussions on the revamping of the regional approach of the United Nations development system;

4. *Welcomes* the preliminary update provided by UNICEF on efficiencies, including through shared business operations and premises; calls upon the Executive Director of UNICEF to continue to take action to ensure the full achievement of



efficiency gains and their redeployment in line with relevant existing mandates, including from General Assembly resolutions [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and [72/279](#) on the repositioning of the United Nations development system, as well as to take into account the applicable recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in the report on opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness in administrative support services by enhancing inter-agency cooperation ([JIU/REP/2018/5](#));

5. *Requests* regular updates to the Executive Board on efficiency gains and their redeployments, through existing reporting mechanisms;

6. *Also requests* UNICEF to continue to support the efforts of the Secretary-General to develop a tracking system to monitor efficiency gains;

7. *Welcomes* that UNICEF contributed its doubled contributions to the resident coordinator cost-sharing, and calls on UNICEF to implement the 1 per cent levy, as applicable, as per the operational guidance for implementing the coordination levy (12 March 2019) issued by the United Nations Development Coordination Office;

8. *Recalls* its decision 2018/15 and notes that the agency-administered option for collecting the coordination levy adds administrative tasks to UNICEF and requires adjustments to agency administrative processes, and requests UNICEF to provide information on the adjustments and to promptly report to the Executive Board on any additional transaction and administrative costs associated with the administration of the levy, within existing reporting;

9. *Also recalls* the importance of funding predictability and urges Member States in a position to do so to prioritize regular resources and multi-year pledges;

10. *Encourages* UNICEF, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), to place special emphasis on the implementation of their respective strategic plans, including the common chapter on joint programming, in accordance with their respective mandates and comparative and collaborative advantages, and to report at the annual session in 2020, including through the midterm reviews of their respective strategic plans, where and how the inter-agency process among the United Nations funds and programmes has led to greater efficiencies and effectiveness.
