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Joint comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy

The Executive Board

1. *Approves* the joint comprehensive cost-recovery policy ([DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/1](#)), including cost-classification categories, methodology and rates, effective 1 January 2022;
2. *Requests* UNICEF, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), to adapt the presentation of the National Committees' rates in table 4 of the policy, clarifying that in the case of UNICEF, the 5 per cent rate is applicable only to thematic contributions raised by National Committees;
3. *Resolves* that the comprehensive cost-recovery policy as outlined in document [DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/1](#) supersedes the previous cost-recovery policy, including cost-classification categories, methodology and rates;
4. *Decides* that agreements signed prior to 1 January 2022 will be honoured using the existing cost-recovery rates (per Executive Board decision 2013/5) and that new agreements as well as revisions of existing agreements that result in additional/new contributions signed after 1 January 2022, will comply with the rates in the cost-recovery policy as approved in this decision;
5. *Requests* UNICEF, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UN-Women, to provide harmonized annual reporting on the progress of implementation of the cost-recovery policy as an annex to their respective existing reporting, including the presentation of the financial impact of the harmonized differentiated rates and waivers granted, and to continue including, in line with the policy, inter alia, an itemization of each waiver/discount listing the donor name, total contribution, programme name, cost-recovery rate and United States dollar value of the waiver/discount, as well as the resulting effective cost-recovery rates and cost-recovery amounts realized;



6. *Also requests* UNICEF, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UN-Women, to present, in a harmonized way in their existing reporting the calculations of the notional cost-recovery rates in their respective integrated budget documents;

7. *Further requests* UNICEF, in collaboration with UNDP, UNFPA and UN-Women, to present a comprehensive review of the cost-recovery policy and its implementation for decision at the second regular session of 2024, and requests UNICEF to work with UNDP, UNFPA and UN-Women to organize a briefing in 2023 to present a joint timeline for the review and preliminary observations and findings from the implementation of the cost-recovery policy.
