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Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021 ([E/ICEF/2020/21](#));
2. *Welcomes* the efforts made by UNICEF jointly 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 improve the structured funding dialogues;
3. *Notes* the importance of sufficient and predictable regular resources, which are critical for UNICEF to be able to accelerate programming to meet the child-related Sustainable Development Goals and to equitably reach all children, everywhere, so that they can fulfil their rights;
4. *Stresses* the importance of funding predictability and urges the Member States to prioritize regular resources and multi-year pledges for 2020 and future years, given that reductions in regular resources jeopardize the ability of UNICEF to achieve the results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021;
5. *Requests* UNICEF to update the Executive Board ahead of the annual session of 2021 and report at the second regular session of 2021, as part of the structured funding dialogue, on how UNICEF will mitigate the effects of potential decreases in regular and other resources, including the impact on the implementation of the Strategic Plan;
6. *Recognizes* the progress made by UNICEF on entity-specific commitments of the funding compact and requests UNICEF to engage with United Nations development system entities and the United Nations Development Coordination Office in the Office's coordination of a further harmonization of these indicators across the United Nations development system while maintaining their entity-specific relevance;



7. *Notes* the lack of a commonly agreed definition for “joint activities” and requests UNICEF to engage with United Nations development system entities and the United Nations Development Coordination Office in the Office’s coordination of the formulation of a system-wide definition of joint-activity expenditures undertaken by the United Nations development system entities that accurately reflects the cooperation taking place among United Nations development system entities on joint development activities;

8. *Requests* UNICEF to continue to support the full implementation of the Business Operations Strategy across all United Nations country teams by 2021;

9. *Also requests* UNICEF to present information on its strategies for and approaches to increasing the level of thematic contributions, as well as the challenges, at the second regular session of 2021.
