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I. Organizational matters

1. The organizational session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 15 and 22 December 2010. The session was chaired by Hamidon Ali (Malaysia), in his capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council for 2010.

2. The Executive Director welcomed the opportunity to address the first formal session of the Executive Board of UN-Women. She expressed appreciation for the excellent dialogue at the informal session held on 8 December 2010, attended by many Permanent Representatives to the United Nations. The high-level engagement was a reflection of the support of Governments for the creation of UN-Women and their commitment to ensuring its success. The Executive Director stated that she would rely on the Executive Board's guidance as UN-Women became a fully functioning and operational organization.

3. The Executive Director had taken note of the priorities expressed by Executive Board members at the informal session, including the high level of interest in the capacity assessment on local presence and the development of the strategic plan. The initial results of the assessment and the strategic vision for UN-Women, as well as the biennial support budget for 2010-2011, would be discussed at the first regular session of 2011. Areas of particular interest, including accelerating development in the least developed countries and integrating gender into South-South cooperation, had been noted. The Executive Director cited the statements made on the critical importance of demonstrating results, the need to develop stronger relationships with non-traditional donors to build on successful interventions at the regional and subregional levels, as well as the need to ensure an equitable geographic balance among staff. The Executive Director welcomed the openness of the delegations in sharing their initial views and concerns, and looked forward to building a partnership with the Executive Board through ongoing dialogue.

4. The Executive Board adopted decision 2010/1 on the size and composition of the Bureau and selection of the President:

2010/1

The Executive Board

1. *Decides* that the Bureau of the Executive Board of UN-Women shall be elected from among representatives of all its members, taking into consideration the need to ensure equitable geographical representation, and shall consist of a President and four Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office until their successors are elected;

2. *Decides further* that the presidency shall rotate each year to a different regional group in alphabetical order beginning with Africa.

5. The Executive Board elected the following members of the Bureau for 2011:

President:

U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria)

Vice-President:

Zahid Rastam (Malaysia)

Vice-President:
Olha Kavun (Ukraine)

Vice-President:
Carmen Arias (Peru)

Vice-President:
Magnus Lennartsson (Sweden)

6. The Executive Board agreed to hold the pre-session informal meeting on 11 January 2011 and the first regular session of 2011 from 24 to 26 January 2011.

7. The Executive Board adopted the eight-week time frame for the submission of pre-session documentation to the United Nations, with the understanding that documentation would take four weeks for processing and would be available four weeks prior to the session.

II. Overview of the tentative workplan for the first regular session of 2011

8. The Executive Board approved the tentative workplan for the first regular session of 2011.

III. Draft rules of procedure for the Executive Board of UN-Women

9. The Secretariat noted the progress made on the draft rules of procedure for the Executive Board of UN-Women during informal consultations. It was expected that the rules of procedure would be adopted at the first regular session of 2011.

10. One delegation had a query on working languages of UN-Women.

IV. Other matters

11. One delegation requested a synopsis of the strategic vision to be shared prior to the first regular session of 2011 to enable a more productive discussion on that topic.
