



**Statement by Minister Plenipotentiary Ricardo Monteiro,
of the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations, at the Executive
Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the
Empowerment of Women (UN Women)**

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Thank you, Madam President. At the outset, let me congratulate you for your work as President of the Board throughout this year. Your leadership is deeply appreciated.

I would also like to thank the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director and UN Women's staff for the continued engagement with Member States in the preparation of the documents to be considered in this session.

The results achieved in the implementation of the current Strategic Plan testify UN Women's crucial role for the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women by 2030. The next Strategic Plan, as per the draft submitted to the Board, will enable the Entity to continue and to improve its work.

We believe that the draft is consistent with the normative framework under which UN Women operates and with the QCPR resolution; takes into account lessons learned in the previous Plan; and draws upon an extensive consultation process.

The strategic priorities are clear and reflect the multidimensional challenges faced by women in several areas, such as leadership and participation; economic empowerment, including poverty eradication; and protection from violence. Those challenges are interconnected and should be tackled together.

The draft also aligns with UN Women's triple mandate, which remains as valid today as when established by the General Assembly. Those three roles are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. Translating normative support and coordination activities to the country level requires operational presence.

Brazil therefore supports the endorsement of the Strategic Plan and related documents, with a view to enabling UN Women to immediately initiate preparations at all levels for its smooth implementation – beginning in January 2018.

We also look forward to engaging in the review of the country presence typology, to be performed in response to the recommendations of the evaluation of the regional architecture. The new typology should be prepared in consultation with Member States and combine clear criteria with flexibility, in order to address different national challenges and priorities.

Madam President,

Madam Executive Director,

You have our full support.

I thank you.