UN-Women Executive Board Annual Session

Interactive dialogue under Agenda Item 2:
“Annual Report of the Executive Director”

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Intervention by
H.E. Ambassador Katalin Annamária Bogyay
Permanent Representative
Madam President,
Madam Executive Director,
Distinguished Members and Observers of the Executive Board,

I would like to thank Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo Ngcuka for her insightful remarks, and warmly congratulate Ms. Anita Bhatia for her appointment as Deputy Executive Director for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships.

Hungary strongly supports UN-Women’s mandate and welcomes the progress indicated in the Annual Report. We also welcome the ongoing work on implementing the UNDS reform, which enables the organisation to optimise and capitalise even more on its specific knowledge and capacity to ensure a gender perspective in normative and strategic processes, as well as in the field. We look forward to hearing more about the country typology review and progress in the change management process – in this regard, we encourage decentralisation and delocation of Headquarter functions, which would provide considerable savings for the organisation.

We commend UN-Women for diversifying its donor base, including opening towards the private sector, as well as the ongoing efforts to explore innovative financing.

Madam Executive Director,

I had the opportunity to participate in this year’s field visits, and I hereby thank the Secretariat of UN-Women and the team in the multi-country office of the Caribbean for making this such an enriching experience, which we can build on in our Board discussions. We commend UN-Women for working so closely with governments, local authorities as well as civil society in the field, and delivering on its mandate
despite the difficulties that the unique geographic and socio-economic factors present in that region.

I have seen how UN-Women brings vital and life-changing assistance to women and girls in the most vulnerable situations, while beneficiaries and communities very often do not even know about the existence of the organisation. This must change. UN-Women must make its activities more visible through stronger communications so that it gets the credentials it deserves for all the work it does. Secondly, in order to best prepare and make use of the UN-Women field visit, it might be worthwhile considering, in case it does not require additional resources, de-linking it from the joint visit of the Boards.

Madam Executive Director, you can count on our continued support in the Bureau, Board and beyond.

Thank you.