Proposed Strategy and Methodology for Regional Group Consultations
Ahead of the Executive Board Annual Session

1. Purpose & Strategic Rationale

In the context of the SG's UN80 initiative, and the request to explore a possible merger between UN Women and UNFPA, UN Women will undertake an initiating a series of consultations with the Member State before the Executive Board Annual Session in June. The aim will be to discuss UN80 and its possible implications on UN Women and for the UN's work on gender equality.

2. Convening Authority & Methodology

To keep group sizing manageable and allow for discussion, meetings will take place through regional formats. Meetings should take place at the technical level, and will be led by Mr. Mohammad Naciri, Chief of Staff and Ms. Sarah Hendriks, Director of Policy, Programme and Intergovernmental Division, from the UN Women side. UN Women Regional Directors will be invited to join, as two Resident Coordinators per Region.

Invitations should be extended through the Secretariat of the Executive Board in coordination with the Board Bureau.

Chairing Arrangement: Each regional consultation will be chaired by the President or Vice-President of the Executive Board representing that specific Regional Group.

3. Standard Meeting Structure & Agenda

Each regional consultation will be structured around the following:

Part I: Update on UN Women's engagement in the UN80 process

- **Presenters:** Mohammad Naciri, Sarah Hendricks, the respective UN Women Regional Director and two Resident Coordinators per region.

Part II: Member States Interventions & Q&A

- **Focus:** An open floor for Member States to express their views, ask questions, and voice hesitations.

4. Timeline and Sequencing

The sequencing of these consultations is deliberate and proposes moving from high-programmatic-presence regions to donor-heavy groups:

1. African Group (AG)
2. Asia-Pacific Group (APG)
3. Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC)
4. Eastern European Group (EEG)
5. Western European and Other States Group (WEOG)