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**Decision of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA
on Human Development Report**

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The Executive Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 57/264 on the Human Development Report;

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

Further recalling its decision 94/15;

Recalling the strong concerns and diverse views expressed by Member States regarding, inter alia, the use of new terminology, indicators and the periodicity of the Human Development Report, including during the informal consultations on the Human Development Report 2010, the annual session 2010, as contained in document DP/2010/33, and the first regular session 2011;

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of decision 41/112 of the Statistical Commission of the Economic and Social Council;

Acknowledging that the Human Development Report is an important tool for raising awareness about human development around the world;

1. *Reaffirms* that the preparation of the Human Development Report should be undertaken in a neutral and transparent manner and in full and effective consultation with Member States, with due regard to the impartial nature and use of sources;
2. *Calls upon* the Human Development Report Office to further improve the consultation process with Member States on the Human Development Report, in an inclusive and transparent manner, taking into account the relevant intergovernmental decisions and resolutions adopted in that regard;
3. *Emphasizes* the need to take into account the discussions conducted at the United Nations Statistical Commission on the sound use of indicators and methodologies, in order to enhance the usefulness of the Report as a tool to advance the knowledge and understanding of development issues globally;
4. *Affirms* that the Human Development Report is a separate and distinct exercise which is not an official document of the United Nations and that the policies governing the operational activities for development of the United Nations system will continue to be set by Member States;
5. *Requests* the UNDP Administrator to report at the annual session 2011 on the measures taken by UNDP and the Human Development Report Office, taking into account their respective roles, to ensure full implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/264 and corresponding decisions of the Executive Board;
6. *Decides* to undertake an in-depth discussion on all aspects related to the Human Development Report at the annual sessions, including on the fulfillment of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 57/264, with a view to improving its quality and accuracy, as well as preserving its credibility and impartiality, without compromising its editorial independence.