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Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Dear Ms. Latasi, dear Ms. D'Souza,

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated 14 October 2015 addressed to the Chair and Vice Chair of the TEC for 2015, Mr. Kunihiro Shimada and Mr. Gabriel Blanco, informing us on the outcome of the discussion on the workplan of the Executive Committee at your first meeting in September 2015. We also thank you for the opportunity to provide you with our initial views on how the TEC considers making efforts to reduce and avert losses and damages among particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on.

We are pleased to inform you that at its 12th meeting which took place from 5-8 April 2016, the TEC has adopted its rolling workplan for 2016-2018. During the discussion of the workplan, the TEC considered the letter from the Executive Committee and agreed to take a two-step approach, as reflected in its rolling workplan for 2016-2018:

1. The TEC agreed to engage with the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (Executive Committee) to exchange views and explore areas of common interest relevant to work of both bodies, with an aim to enhance understanding of technologies that reduce or avert loss and damage and adaptation technologies that could be relevant to loss and damage, particularly in vulnerable developing countries.
The TEC considered this first step is necessary before it can further define its specific actions on the topic. The TEC also agreed that in this step the Chair and Vice Chair of the TEC will lead the engagement with the Executive Committee on behalf of the TEC through, for example cross participation in the meetings of the two bodies or in other relevant events. The TEC also discussed the possibility of organising a joint thematic dialogue between the two bodies to specifically discuss this issue.
2. Once the TEC has enhanced understanding on the issues surrounding loss and damage and its associated aspects as described in Step 1, the TEC will identify actions that it can take on matters relating to technology development and transfer in the context of reducing or averting loss and damage.
The work on this step will be undertaken by the TEC task force on emerging and cross-cutting issues.



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We hope that our proposed approach above could lead to a productive engagement between the two bodies and we look forward to working together with you in the near future. We are available to discuss any questions that you may have.

Sincerely yours,

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