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SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON THE RECENT SESSIONS OF THE AWG-LCA

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1. Submission - Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA)

Submissions of views and information from Parties and relevant organizations on what elements should be included in the work programme to consider approaches to address loss and damage, referred to in document [FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.7](#), paragraph 26, including the following:

- (a) Possible development of a climate risk insurance facility to address impacts associated with severe weather events;
- (b) Options for risk management and reduction; risk sharing and transfer mechanisms such as insurance, including options for micro-insurance; and resilience building, including through economic diversification;
- (c) Approaches for addressing rehabilitation measures associated with slow onset events;
- (d) Engagement of stakeholders with relevant specialized expertise.

(See [FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.7](#), paragraphs 26-29)

Regarding elements that should be included in the work programme, Tebtebba recommends that an expert workshop addressing the issues of indigenous peoples relating to the loss and damages associated with climate change impacts in developing countries be organized. The workshop can look into the impacts in various ecosystems where indigenous peoples live and can be a venue to ascertain the vulnerabilities and resilience of indigenous peoples in developing countries. Researches and case studies, to be written mainly by indigenous peoples, may be commissioned to inform the expert workshop.

Regarding the climate risk insurance facility and options for risk management and reduction (a) and (b), Tebtebba proposes that a dedicated fund for indigenous peoples be set up that shall support indigenous peoples' initiatives towards resilience building, adaptation and risk assessment. For Item (c), lessons can be learned from indigenous communities in SIDS and pastoralist communities who are experienced in dealing with extreme weather events, prolonged drought and climate-related disasters. These communities can be linked up in Knowledge and Learning Networks. For Item (d), stakeholders with relevant specialized expertise should include indigenous experts with experience in participatory processes, and have proven capacity in linking up with indigenous organizations, networks and communities towards their full and effective participation in planning for risk management and reduction.

2. Submission - Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA)

Submission from Parties and accredited observer organizations on matters relating to the establishment of one or more market-based mechanisms to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, as referred to in document [FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.7](#), paragraph 81.

(See [FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.7](#), paragraphs 80-82)

In the establishment of market-based mechanisms, Tebtebba reiterates indigenous peoples' basic demand that their free, prior and informed consent, consistent with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, must be respected in mitigation actions that may have potential impacts in their lands and territories. Full and effective participation of indigenous peoples in policies and programs for NAMAs should also be ensured.

Other market based mechanisms outside of carbon markets have to be explored and developed.

3. Submission - Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA)

Submission from Parties and accredited observer organizations on matters relating to the establishment of one or more non-market-based mechanisms to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, as referred to in document [FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.7](#), paragraph 85.

(See [FCCC/AWGLCA/2010/L.7](#), paragraphs 84-86)

Regarding the establishment of one or more non-market-based mechanisms to enhance the cost-effectiveness of, and to promote, mitigation actions, Tebtebba proposes knowledge-based mechanisms which promote understanding of effective mitigation and which will support the sharing of experiences. Among Indigenous Peoples, Learning and Knowledge Networks, e.g. ecosystem-based approaches supporting customary resource management must be considered and supported. Knowledge-based mechanisms must include the traditional knowledge, practices and innovations of indigenous peoples in resource management that continues to contribute to climate change mitigation. Investments should support such knowledge-based mechanisms.