Bolivia, Philippines, African Group, SICA Countries (Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama), Argentina, Ecuador, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Venezuela

Enhanced action on adaptation

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.13, 1/CP.16, 1/CP.17 on the full, effective and sustained implementation of the Convention through long-term cooperative action, now, up to and beyond 2012, particularly on elements for enhanced action on adaptation, as well as enhanced action on the provision of technology and financial resources and investment to support action on adaptation,

Reaffirming the commitments set forth in Article 4 paragraphs 1(e), 3, and 4 of the Convention, on financing for adaptation,

Concerned that the impacts of climate change, together with the international financial and economic crisis, have affected agricultural production worldwide and these are threatening food security,

Recalling that the historical accumulation of greenhouse gasses since 1850 has caused climate change and the responsibility of developed countries in taking the lead as well as supporting developing countries in responding to climate change,

Also concerned that support to the adaptation activities in the developing countries require enhanced financial resources and that delivery mechanism remain under funded,

Recalling further Article 3, sub-paragraph 4 that states that the Parties have a right to, and should promote sustainable development, and that economic development is essential for adopting measures to address climate change,

Taking fully into account its decision 1/CP16, paragraphs 11 to 35 on enhanced action on adaptation, in particular paragraph 18 on the provision of long-term, scaled-up, predictable, new and additional finance, technology, and capacity building, consistent with relevant provisions, for the implementation of adaptation actions,

Reaffirming the need to promote implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention,

Also reaffirming that consistency should be sought and maintained between activities, including those related to funding, relevant to climate change adaptation undertaken outside the framework of the financial mechanism and the policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria for activities as relevant, established by the Conference of the Parties,

Being aware that a significant share of new multilateral funding for adaptation should flow through the Green Climate Fund, that was established by the COP and designated as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, as contained in paragraphs 100 and 102 of its decision 1/CP.16, and that the Board should ensure a balanced allocation to adaptation in comparison to other priorities,

- 1. Decides, in keeping with Decision 1/CP 17, paragraph 121, sub-paragraph (a) and through the Adaptation Committee in line with its function laid out in decision 1/CP. 16, paragraph 20, sub-paragraph (d), further reiterated in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 93, sub-paragraph (d), and the modalities laid out in paragraph 94, to establish a process through the Adaptation Committee, in collaboration with the Standing Committee, to develop recommendations with relevant Convention bodies and others, including the Technology Executive Committee, on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology, and capacity-building identifying opportunities and further actions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;
- 2. Also requests the Adaptation Committee and the Standing Committee, as part of this joint-process and in accordance with their respective mandates, to cooperate on the implementation of 1/CP.16, paragraph 18, to develop recommendations and effective guidance for the operating entities of the Convention and other financial mechanism with a view to supporting developing country Parties, taking into account the needs of those that are particularly vulnerable through long-term, scaled-up, predictable, new and additional finance, technology and capacity-building, and the support for urgent, short, medium- and long-term adaptation actions, plans, programmes and projects at the local, national, sub-regional and regional levels;
- 3. Requests the Adaptation and Standing Committees in the framework of the process, to organize a workshop in parallel with 38th session of the Subsidiary Bodies on ways to promote implementation of enhanced action on adaptation in a coherent manner under the Convention as part of this process and to organize such a workshop periodically every year thereafter;
- 4. Further requests the Adaptation Committee to include in its annual report to the COP, information and recommendations based on the results of this joint-process,
- 5. Also requests the Standing Committee, as part of its function on maintaining linkages with the thematic bodies of the Convention, provided for in decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121, sub-paragraph (b), to include in its draft guidance for the operating entities of the financial mechanism to be provided to the COP, the information and recommendations as a result of this joint-process;
- 6. (Placeholder for further actions following recommendations from the Adaptation Committee mandated in decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 30)
- 7. Requests the Adaptation Committee to include in its work programme, in accordance with its functions and modalities, activities to strengthen and, where necessary, establish regional centres and networks, in particular in developing countries, with support from developed country Parties and relevant organizations, as appropriate, and to facilitate and enhance national and regional adaptation actions, in a manner that is country-driven, encourages cooperation and coordination between regional stakeholders and improves the flow of information between the Convention process and national and regional activities and provide recommendations in its annual report to the COP;
- 8. Also requests the Adaptation Committee to include in its work programme, in accordance with its functions and modalities, activities to strengthen and, where necessary, establish and/or designate national-level institutional arrangements, with a view to enhancing work on the full range of adaptation actions, from planning to implementation; and provide recommendations in its annual report to the COP;
- 9. Further requests the Adaptation Committee to consider in its work plan, in accordance with decision1/CP.13, paragraph 1c(v), activities to promote economic to diversification to build resilience;
- 10. Further requests the secretariat, as provided for in decision 2/CP.17, paragraphs 118 and 124, to support and facilitate the work outlined in this decision.