

LDCs Statement on loss and damage SBI Agenda Item 9

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Thank you very much Mr. Chairman,

Timor-Leste has the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the LDCs. The LDCs associates itself to the statements made by Bolivia on behalf of G77 and China, Nauru on behalf of AOSIS andon behalf of the African group.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the Government of Germany for hosting this very important session and thank the Secretariat for the excellent arrangement.

Mr. Chair, based on decision 2/CP.19, the SBI 40th has been mandated to consider the composition and procedures of the membership of permanent Executive Committee for the WIM on loss and damage to be adopted by the COP20. Regarding the composition, the LDCs would like to see more representatives from developing country parties in the membership of permanent Executive Committee, especially the LDCs and SIDS must be given specific priority with regard to their respective vulnerabilities. In this regard, the group of LDCs believes that the current Adaptation Committee and Adaptation Fund Board are

the excellent reference for the composition of the permanent Executive Committee of WIM on loss and damage.

Regarding modalities and procedures, the regional groups must be given an opportunity to nominate their respective dedicative experts to the body which will be further elected by the COP20. We believe that through this channel, the appropriate candidates will be selected in order to provide a better service to the most particular vulnerable countries in addressing rehabilitation, social liability and permanent losses caused by the impacts of climate change.

Chair,

The LDC Group would like to thank the members and observers for their active participation and contribution on the first meeting of the Interim Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with adverse effect of Climate Change. We would also like to share our appreciation to the Co-facilitator for the note they have prepared of the initial meeting of the Executive Committee. At this point, we would like to underscore our concern that the means of implementation is key for our Group.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.