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Dear Pepe and Shereen,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your letter of 14 October 2015, and to update you on the relevant discussions of the Adaptation Committee at our 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in Bonn (AC9), 1-3 March 2016. However, we would first like to stress that we very much look forward to working with the Executive Committee and other bodies under the Convention in addressing the many shared tasks that have been mandated under the Paris Agreement.

At AC9, the Adaptation Committee agreed on a revised workplan for 2016-2018 that takes into account all aspects of the Paris outcomes. While it may be possible to map the activities in our new workplan to the Action Areas in the initial 2-year workplan of the Executive Committee, as you did for our 2012-2015 workplan in annexes I and II of your letter, we are not convinced that such an approach will capture the real impact of the Adaptation Committee's work. Rather we see our workplan as a series of inter-related activities that contribute to our ultimate objective of facilitating the implementation of concrete adaptation action and empowering communities.<sup>1</sup>

It is our belief that all work of the Adaptation Committee helps to address loss and damage, as adaptation seeks to moderate or avoid harm related to climate change. Two of the Adaptation Committee's workstreams address this directly: workstream A – technical support and guidance to the Parties on adaptation action; and workstream B – technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation.

Other activities of the Adaptation Committee fall into a workstream on overarching coherence, and a fourth workstream on the Technical Examination Process on Adaptation (TEP-A). These workstreams are intended to ensure that future adaptation initiatives under the Convention are undertaken in the most efficient manner and are based on the most recent technical knowledge. Hence, they ultimately will contribute to more effective implementation of adaptation action.

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<sup>1</sup> Please see document FCCC/SB/2012/3.



Recognition of, and priority to assist, particularly vulnerable countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on is fundamental to the work of the Adaptation Committee. For this reason, our report to COP 22, which will include our revised workplan, will also highlight the principles guiding adaptation action as contained in Article 7.5 of the Paris Agreement. Rather than identify specific activities that focus on vulnerable populations, the Adaptation Committee mainstreams these principles across all of its activities. This cross-cutting principle of our work relates quite closely to Action Area 1 of your initial two-year workplan.

By way of example, we would draw attention to the expert meeting the Adaptation Committee organized in September 2015 on promoting livelihoods and economic diversification to build resilience in the context of planning, prioritizing and implementing adaptation. This expert meeting brought together two communities that rarely work with each other – macroeconomic policy-makers and those focused on livelihood sustainability, including for the most vulnerable. Discussion demonstrated the importance of linking these two types of approaches, and benefited from representatives of groups focused on gender, indigenous knowledge, and vulnerable populations. The Adaptation Committee will continue this work in 2016 with the development of an information product highlighting key lessons learned from the expert meeting.

We hope that this succinct narrative is effective in conveying the strong and direct relevance of the work of the Adaptation Committee to that of the Executive Committee. As Co-Chairs of the Adaptation Committee we hope we can build upon this exchange to generate a sustained and mutually constructive dialogue between our groups on issues of shared concern.

To that end, we are hopeful that we can meet with you both on the margins of the SB meetings to be held in Bonn in May 2016 to define next steps.

Yours sincerely,

*(signed by)*

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Co-Chairs, UNFCCC Adaptation Committee

Enclosure: 2016–2018 revised AC workplan