

Statement of LDCs on SBI Agenda Item (Loss and damage)

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Timor-Leste has the honor to make this statement on behalf of the 49 least developed countries. First of all, I would like to extend our gratitude to the Government and people of Poland for hosting this conference in this beautiful city of Warsaw, and also thanks to the UNFCCC Secretariat for the excellent arrangement.

Mr. Chairman,

The LDCs would like to associate themselves with the statements made by Bolivia on behalf of G77, Nauru on behalf of SIDS, and Swaziland on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chairman,

The latest science on climate change has made it clear: the oceans and atmosphere have warmed, the sea levels have risen and the amount of snow and ice cover have diminished. . With continued emissions further warmer and increasingly severe climate change impacts can be expected according to the recently released Summary for Policymakers produced by the IPCC's Working Group I. The impacts of climate change are already inflicting losses and damages that current levels of mitigation and adaptation cannot address. The LDC Group calls for urgent action on loss and damage, including the establishment of an international mechanism to enhance action and support to help developing countries address loss and damage.

Mr. Chairman,

Doha Decision (COP 18) clearly mandates the parties of the Convention, to establish institutional arrangements, such as an international mechanism and its functions and

modalities to address the loss and damage at COP19 here in Warsaw. In this regard, 49 countries of the LDC group are ready to work with other Parties to establish an international mechanism to address loss and damage associated with climate impacts. Therefore, we, the LDC Group, which are the most vulnerable to climate impacts and already facing the reality of loss and damage, believe that under your leadership, and in collaboration with all the parties of Convention, should establish an international mechanism with related functions and modalities.

Mr. Chairman,

At conclude I would like to recognize the recent typhoon Haiyan, which has led to a loss of thousands of lives in the Philippines, China and Vietnam and will affect the lives of livelihoods of many more and inflict untold losses and damages. This could be a taste a preview of what the future may hold for us unless action is taken now.

Mr. Chairman,

The group of LDCs is ready to work with you to achieve our goal of establishing an international mechanism, to address loss and damage associated with adverse impacts of climate change, here in Warsaw.

Thank you