

Draft text on institutional arrangements to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts

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The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Convention,

Also recalling decisions 1/CP.16, 7/CP.17 and 3/CP.18,

Recalling its decision to establish institutional arrangements, such as an international mechanism, including functions and modalities, to address loss and damage associated with the impacts of climate change in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, at its nineteenth session,¹

1. *Establishes the Warsaw mechanism* to address loss and damage associated with impacts of climate change, including extreme events and slow onset events, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change (hereinafter referred to as the Warsaw mechanism), consistent with paragraph 14 of decision 1/CP.16,² in response to paragraph 9 of 3/CP.18,³ taking into account decision 7/CP.17⁴, and in line with the provisions contained in paragraphs 2–13 below;
2. *Decides to establish an executive committee of the Warsaw mechanism to guide the implementation of the functions referred to in paragraph 5 below;*
3. *Requests the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider the annual reports to the Conference of the Parties of the executive committee mentioned in paragraph 2 above and make recommendations, as appropriate;*
4. *Requests the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider the composition of, modalities and procedures for, the executive committee, and to make recommendations thereon for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twentieth session (December 2014);*
5. *Decides that the Warsaw mechanism shall fulfil the role under of the Convention of ~~to promoting~~ ~~promote~~ the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, pursuant to decision 3/CP.18, in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner by undertaking, *inter alia*, the following functions:*

 - (a) Enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including slow onset impacts, by facilitating and promoting:
 - (i) Action to address gaps in the understanding of and expertise in approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including, *inter alia*, the areas outlined in paragraph 7(a) of 3/CP.18;

¹ Decision 3/CP.18, paragraph 9.

² Section II: Enhanced action on adaptation.

³ Approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to enhance adaptive capacity.

⁴ Work programme on loss and damage.

- (ii) Collection, sharing, management and use of relevant data and information, including gender disaggregated data;
 - (iii) Provision of overviews of best practices, challenges, experiences and lessons learned in undertaking approaches to address loss and damage;
- (b) Strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders by:
- (i) ~~Providing~~ Provision of leadership and coordination, and as and where appropriate, oversight under the Convention, on the assessment and implementation of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the impacts of climate change from extreme events and slow onset events associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
 - (ii) Fostering of dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among all relevant stakeholders, institutions, bodies, processes and initiatives outside the Convention, with a view to promoting cooperation and collaboration across relevant work and activities at all levels;
- (c) Enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, to enable countries to undertake actions pursuant to paragraph 6 of decision 3/CP.18, including by ~~{providing}~~ ~~{facilitating}~~:
- (i) Provision of technical support and guidance on approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme events and slow onset events;
 - (ii) Provision of information and recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties when providing guidance relevant to addressing loss and damage, including to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate;
 - (iii) Mobilization and securing of expertise and enhancement of support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to strengthen existing approaches, and where necessary, facilitate development and implementation of additional approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts;
- ~~Securing financial, technical, capacity building support to strengthen existing and new programmes to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme weather events and slow onset events;~~

6. ~~{Decides~~ also that the Warsaw mechanism should complement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention as well as on that of relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention, at all levels;~~}~~

~~7. — Also decides on the following organizational arrangements:~~

8. *Decides* further that in exercising the functions outlined in paragraph 5 above, the Warsaw mechanism will, *inter alia*:

- (a) ~~{Facilitate support of actions to address loss and damage;}~~
- (b) Improve coordination in the relevant work of existing bodies under the Convention;
- (c) Convene meetings of with relevant experts and stakeholders;

(d) Promote the development of, and compile, analyse, synthesize and review information;

(e) Provide technical guidance and support;

(f) Make recommendations, as appropriate, on how to enhance engagement, actions and coherence under and outside the Convention, including on how to mobilize resources and expertise at different levels;

9. Requests the executive committee of the Warsaw mechanism to establish an expert group, consistent with the provisions of paragraphs 6 and 7 above, to develop a programme of work for the implementation of the functions outlined in paragraph 5 above, by the forty-second session of the Subsidiary Bodies, including the scheduling of meetings, taking into account the issues outlined in paragraph 14 of decision 1/CP.16 and paragraph 7 of 3/CP.18.

10. *Invites* relevant international and regional organizations, institutions and processes to integrate, where appropriate, measures to address the impacts of climate change and to explore and strengthen synergies in the context of addressing loss and damage associated with adverse impacts of climate change, especially in particularly vulnerable developing countries;

11. *Also invites* Parties to work through the United Nations and other relevant institutions, specialized agencies and processes, as appropriate, to promote coherence at all levels in approaches relevant to addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including extreme events and slow onset events;

12. *Further invites* Parties to strengthen and, where appropriate, develop institutions and networks at the regional and national levels, especially in particularly vulnerable developing countries, to enhance the implementation of relevant approaches to address loss and damage in a manner that is country-driven, encourages cooperation and coordination between relevant stakeholders and improves the flow of information;

13. *Requests* developed country Parties to provide developing country Parties with finance, technology and capacity-building, in accordance with decision 1/CP.16 and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;

14. ~~[Placeholder for any divergent issues]~~
