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## MESSAGE TO PARTIES

### **Submission of nominations of members of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts**

This is to inform Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol that during the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 20), held in Lima, Peru, from 1 to 14 December 2014, the COP adopted decision 2/CP.20 on the composition of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts. The composition of the Executive Committee, as decided by the COP, is contained in Annex I.

The COP, noting that groups and constituencies required more time to reach agreement on the arrangements for the two membership positions for non-Annex I Parties on the Executive Committee that have not been designated for any specific regional group or constituency, adopted conclusions at COP 20, which invited the Chairs and Coordinators of the regional groups and constituencies with non-Annex I Parties to continue their consultations during the intersessional period to finalize the arrangements for these two membership positions (see document FCCC/CP/2014/10, paragraphs 78–82).

I am pleased to inform that, as a result of consultations undertaken by the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on behalf of the COP President, during the eighth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, held in Geneva, from 8 to 13 February 2015, agreement has been reached by the Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies with non-Annex I Parties on these arrangements. This agreement is contained in Annex II.

**Distribution:** To Parties through National Focal Points for climate change, Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in New York and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany. It is also available on the UNFCCC website at the following link:  
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Parties are invited to consult within their respective regional groups or constituencies, and submit the nominations for membership on the Executive Committee to their respective Chairs and Coordinators as early as possible in order to facilitate the timely implementation of the two-year workplan of the Executive Committee as approved by the COP. The contact information for the Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies is available on the website of the secretariat at: <<http://unfccc.int/6558>>.

All Chairs and Coordinators of regional groups and constituencies are invited to forward the nominations for membership on the Executive Committee to the secretariat by Monday, 9 March 2015.

Once received, the names of the members will be posted on the website of the UNFCCC secretariat. The members of the Executive Committee will be deemed elected at COP 20 in accordance with established practice.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the secretariat at <[secretariat@unfccc.int](mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int)>.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed by)*

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## **Annex I**

### **Composition of the Executive Committee for the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts**

1. The mandate of the Executive Committee is to help guide the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.<sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee comprises 20 members as follows:<sup>2</sup>
  - 10 members from Annex I Parties;
  - 10 members from Non-Annex I Parties, including:
    - 2 members from African States;
    - 2 members from Asia-Pacific States;
    - 2 members from GRULAC;
    - 1 member from SIDS;
    - 1 member from LDCs;
    - 2 additional members from non-Annex I Parties.<sup>3</sup>
2. The COP further decided that the members shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office, and that:
  - Half of the members shall be elected initially for a term of three years and half of the members shall be elected for a term of two years;
  - Thereafter, the COP shall elect members for a term of two years;
  - The members shall remain in office until their successors have been elected.<sup>4</sup>
3. In submitting nominations, Groups and Coordinators are:
  - Encouraged to nominate to the Executive Committee experts with the diversity of experience and knowledge relevant to loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, taking into account the goal of gender balance pursuant to decision 23/CP.18;<sup>5</sup>
  - Invited to inform whether the nominee should serve a two or three year term of office.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 2.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 2/CP.20, paragraph 5.

<sup>3</sup> Please refer to Annex II for the agreement concerning these two additional members.

<sup>4</sup> Decision 2/CP.20, paragraph 7.

<sup>5</sup> Decision 2/CP.20, paragraphs 5 and 6.



## Annex II

### **Agreement concerning representation from Non-Annex I Parties on the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts**

Recognizing that members from all Parties shall have the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts in accordance with decision x/CP.20 (Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts).

The Chairs and Coordinators below have agreed on the following agreement concerning the membership from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (Non-Annex I Parties) on the Executive Committee:

1. The membership on the Executive Committee from the two floating positions for Non-Annex I Parties referred to in decision x/CP.20, paragraph 5(b), shall rotate among the following four regional groups: namely, African Group of States, Asia-Pacific Group of States, Eastern European Group of States, and the Latin American and Caribbean Group of States;
2. Accordingly, at least at every second rotation of the term of office on the Executive Committee, a representative from a Non-Annex I Party in the Eastern European Group of States shall be entitled to serve as one of the members from the Non-Annex I Parties constituency on the Executive Committee.

In accordance with the established practice, all nominations for the Non-Annex I Parties constituency on the Executive Committee will be submitted by the Chair of the Group of 77 and China.

Signed by the Chairs and Coordinators of the African Group of States, Asia-Pacific Group of States, Eastern European Group of States, Latin American and Caribbean Group of States, Least Developed Countries, Alliance of Small Island States, and the Group of 77 and China.

*Original signed by:*

**Chair of the African Group of States**

**Chair of the Asia-Pacific Group of States**

**Chairs of the Eastern European Group of States**

**Chair of Latin American and Caribbean Group of States**

**Chair of Least Developed Countries**

**Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States**

**Chair of the Group of 77 and China**

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