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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) recalled decision 1/CP.16, whereby the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided to establish a work programme in order to consider 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 (hereinafter referred to as the work programme),¹ and requested the SBI to agree on activities to be undertaken under the work programme.²

2. The SBI reaffirmed the need to strengthen international cooperation and expertise in order to understand and reduce loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including impacts related to extreme weather events and slow onset events.³

3. The SBI, in accordance with decision 1/CP.16, considered the documents prepared for the session,⁴ and agreed to implement the work programme in accordance with paragraphs 4–11 below.

¹ Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 26.

² Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 27.

³ Including sea level rise, increasing temperatures, ocean acidification, glacial retreat and related impacts, salinization, land and forest degradation, loss of biodiversity and desertification.

⁴ FCCC/SBI/2011/3 and FCCC/SBI/2011/MISC.1. The views and information on this subject submitted by non-governmental organizations are available at <<http://unfccc.int/3689.php>>.

4. The SBI took note of the importance of addressing the following thematic areas in the implementation of the work programme:

(a) Assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change and the current knowledge on the same;

(b) A range of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including impacts related to extreme weather events and slow onset events, taking into consideration experience at all levels;

(c) The role of the Convention in enhancing the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

5. The SBI invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 15 August 2011, further views and information on the themes to be addressed in paragraph 4(a–c) above. It requested the secretariat to compile these submissions into a miscellaneous document for consideration at its thirty-fifth session and to prepare a synthesis report based on the submissions and other relevant information before its thirty-fifth session.

6. In order to address the thematic areas contained in paragraph 4 above, the SBI requested the secretariat to explore the possibility of convening an expert meeting, subject to the availability of resources and in conjunction with any other related event to be held by its thirty-sixth session, to include experts nominated by Parties, relevant organizations and other stakeholders.

7. The SBI agreed to continue to further elaborate on the details of the broad thematic areas mentioned in paragraph 4 above at its subsequent sessions, as appropriate, with a view to generating a knowledge base for making recommendations on loss and damage to the COP for consideration at its eighteenth session, taking into consideration the following:

(a) The elements mentioned in decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 28(a–d);

(b) The submissions mentioned in paragraph 5 above as well as those contained in document FCCC/SBI/2011/MISC.1.

8. In the context of the work programme, the SBI invited relevant organizations and other stakeholders to undertake further actions to assist Parties to enhance understanding of, and expertise that will help to address, loss and damage associated with the adverse effect of climate change in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the climate change impacts. It encouraged them to share the outcomes of their activities with the SBI at subsequent sessions, as appropriate.

9. The SBI requested the secretariat to strive to engage a wide range of stakeholders in the implementation of the work programme.

10. The SBI further agreed to consider additional activities, at subsequent sessions, including by taking into account, as appropriate:

(a) The outcomes of the workshop to identify challenges and gaps in the implementation of risk management approaches to the adverse effects of climate change referred to in document FCCC/SBI/2010/27, paragraph 86;

(b) The outcomes of the initial activities undertaken in the context of the work programme;

(c) Inputs from processes relevant to this issue.

11. The SBI encouraged Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other developed country Parties in a position to do so to provide financial and technical support, as appropriate, for the implementation of the work programme.