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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and in our capacity as its Co-Chairs, we are pleased to present you an opportunity to enhance synergies between your work and that of the Executive Committee in the areas related to migration, displacement and human mobility.

The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its nineteenth session, established the Warsaw International Mechanism to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change through its three main functions: enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches; strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders; and enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity building. The Executive Committee is mandated to guide the implementation of these functions. The COP, at its twentieth session, approved the initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee.

Action Area 6 of the initial two-year workplan focuses on enhancing the understanding of and expertise on how the impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility; and the application of such understanding and expertise.

To assist the Executive Committee in this task, we invite relevant organizations and experts to provide, by Monday 16 May 2016, knowledge, data and scientific information on both internal and cross-border migration, displacement and other forms of human mobility owing to factors related to climate change impacts, including in combination with other factors. We are particularly interested in gathering information on potential challenges and possible solutions. Your input may include:

- a) Information on factors that affect movements or decisions to stay of vulnerable populations (characteristics, underlying vulnerabilities, circumstances, where interventions may be needed to help particular groups) associated with the impacts of climate change in distinction to or in conjunction with impacts related to climate variability and non-climate related impacts;
- b) Policy, normative and institutional challenges and opportunities associated with minimizing, averting and addressing both internal and cross-border displacement, including in the context of alternative climate change trajectories (e.g. 1.5°C, 2°C, etc.) including challenges of communities not in a position to migrate (so called “trapped populations”).

Expected results of this activity are, as envisioned by the COP, enhanced understanding, based on sound science, of migration and displacement, including of characteristics of vulnerable populations that may become mobile owing to factors related to climate change impacts and synthesized information made available on the relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from the activities of organizations and experts.



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Moreover, the results of this activity and the input provided by relevant organizations and experts should help inform the work of the task force on displacement that the Executive Committee was tasked, at COP 21, to establish “to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change”.<sup>1</sup>

The COP also envisions enhancing collaboration through undertaking this activity.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have as you consider this invitation and look forward to receiving your response by Monday 16 May 2016.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed by)*

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 49.