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**Subject:** Request for an agenda item to be reflected on the provisional agenda of the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA7)

The African Group wishes to present its compliments to the President-Designate of COP 30.

The African Group wishes to bring to your attention the consideration of ‘Special Needs and Special Circumstances of Africa.’ At COP 21, on the final day of the negotiations leading to the adoption of the Paris Agreement, the Minister of the Environment of Egypt, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Committee of African Heads of States on Climate Change and Minister of Sudan, in his capacity as the Chair of the African Group of Negotiators made an explicit request for the recognition of the special needs and circumstances of Africa, considering its vulnerability, The request was driven by the lack of recognition of the special needs and special circumstances of Africa and its omission in the Paris Agreement, despite these needs and circumstances being recognised in the Convention Article 4.1 (e), and previous COP decisions

attached below. The COP21 President stated that he would convene informal consultations to assist Parties with the implementation of Decision 1/CP.21, including issues related to Africa<sup>1</sup>.

Since then, the African Group has been following up on the consideration of the item with a view to reaching a decision under the CMA. It is of grave concern to the members of the African Group that, despite 10 years of negotiations since the adoption of the Paris Agreement, no progress has been made on recognising the special needs and circumstances of Africa.

While the African Group recognises the efforts made by previous COP Presidents to resolve this issue, we realise that there has been no significant progress. We welcome the report of COP28 and COP29, which noted Parties' engagement in constructive discussions on the issues and urged Parties to continue considering the matter.

Therefore, in accordance with Rule 9 and Rule 10 of the draft Rule of Procedures of the UNFCCC, the African Group is submitting a request to include an agenda item, 'Africa's Special Needs and Special circumstances' on the provisional agenda of the 7th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA7), to provide a space to continue consideration of the agenda item.



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#### Relevant Decisions

FCCC/CP/2016/10	Report of COP 22, paras. 154-155
FCCC/CP/2017/11	Report of COP 23, paras. 33-34
FCCC/CP/2007/6/Add.1	Decision 1/CP.13, The Bali Action Plan
FCCC/CP/2008/7/Add.1	Decision 4/CP.14, Additional guidance to the GEF
FCCC/CP/2010/7/Add.1	Decision 1/CP.16, The Cancun Agreements
FCCC/CP/2011/9/Add.1	Decision 3/CP.17, Launching the GCF
FCCC/CP/2014/10/Add.21	Decisions 7/CP.20, Report of the GCF to the COP
FCCC/CP/2014/10/Add.2	Decision 8/CP.20, Report of the GEF to the COP
FCCC/CP/2016/10/Add.2	Decision 17/CP.22, Improving the effectiveness of the Doha work programme on

<sup>1</sup> Report of COP21- FCCC/CP/2015/10, paragraph 72 and 73.

Article 6 of the Convention	
FCCC/CP/2022/10/Add.1	Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan 1/CP.27, paragraphs 29, and 37
FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/10/Add.1	Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan 1/CMA.4, paragraphs 48, and 58