

Group of 77 and China Submission
On the Review of the WIM and the Report of the WIM Executive Committee
7 December 2019, COP25, Madrid

The State of Palestine has the honour of making this submission on behalf of the Group of 77 and China in relation to COP25 agenda item 7, CMA2 agenda item 6, SBSTA51 agenda item 4, and SBI51 agenda item 9, in relation to the 2019 Review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Addressing Loss and Damage (WIM) and the Report of the Executive Committee of the WIM.

This submission contains proposed draft decision text in relation to the issues of financing to address loss and damage and enhancing action and support in relation to loss and damage, including the establishment of an expert group on enhanced action and support under the WIM Executive Committee and the establishment of the Santiago Network on Addressing Loss and Damage.

This submission is being submitted as a Conference Room Paper in relation to the agenda items above-cited.

PROPOSED DECISION TEXT

The Conference of the Parties / Conference of the Parties Meeting as the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

FINANCE

1. Requests developed country Parties to respond to the urgent call of developing country Parties for adequate, easily accessible, scaled up, new and additional, predictable finance, technology and capacity building to assist in averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including extreme weather events and slow onset events;
2. Requests the WIM Executive Committee to facilitate increased collaboration with bodies, institutions and organizations under the UNFCCC on finance;
3. Requests the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism under the Convention to expand their focus areas to cover thematic areas such as slow onset events, comprehensive risk management, human mobility and non-economic losses;
4. Decides that the Standing Committee on Finance shall collaborate with the WIM Executive Committee, inter alia, when preparing draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism under the Convention to ensure that guidance on funding approaches to avert minimize and address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries is included;

5. Requests the Board of the Green Climate Fund to provide, through the appropriate modalities, expedited access to adequate, scaled up, new and additional funding for developing country Parties to assist them to address climate change impacts in the areas of slow onset events, non-economic losses, human mobility, and comprehensive risk management;
6. Decides to increase support in the next biennium budget and future budgets to ensure that the work of the WIM and its Executive Committee including its subgroups is sufficiently and reliably funded;

EXPERT GROUP ON ACTION AND SUPPORT

7. Requests the WIM Executive Committee to initiate its work at its next meeting in order to establish by the end of 2020, in accordance with its procedures and mandate, an expert group to address enhanced action and support for addressing loss and damage in order to:
 - (a) Explore modalities for supporting existing risk transfer facilities and fostering the development and/or expansion of risk transfer facilities and national and regional solidarity funds, as appropriate, for addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts;
 - (b) Establish a capacity-building programme to address the capacity constraints of developing country Parties in their efforts to avert and minimize loss and damage;
 - (c) Conduct a gap analysis, at the national and international level, in relation to finance, technology and capacity-building, and explore modalities and provide recommendations on how to address the gaps identified
 - (d) Collaborate with the Technology Executive Committee and the Climate Technology Center and Network of the Technology Mechanism in the provision of technical support, inter alia, to developing countries during or following the onset of hazards that result in loss and damage;
 - (e) Develop draft guidance, to be recommended by the WIM Executive Committee to the Standing Committee on Finance, to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism under the Convention to expand their focus areas to cover thematic areas such as slow onset events, comprehensive risk management, human mobility and non-economic losses;
 - (f) Develop the operational modalities for the Santiago Network on Addressing Loss and Damage no later than the end of 2021;

IMPLEMENTATION NETWORK

8. Establishes the Santiago Network on Addressing Loss and Damage to facilitate a technical network of organizations, entities, partners and other relevant stakeholders involved in addressing loss and damage, in order to:
 - (a) Broaden the access by developing countries to resources by matching technical and other expertise and resources to developing country needs to assist in averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage; and
 - (b) Support the implementation by developing countries of actions to avert, minimize, and address loss and damage.