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[*The Conference of the Parties,*

Recalling decisions 36/CP.7, 1/CP.16, 23/CP.18, 18/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 21/CP.22, 3/CP.23, 3/CP.25 and 20/CP.26, the Paris Agreement and the Katowice climate package,

Acknowledging the important role of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan¹ in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the UNFCCC process,

[*Reaffirming* the adopted agreed conclusions of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the priority theme “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”,]

[*Acknowledging* that the meaningful achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women requires the efforts of both men and women, not of women alone, in decision-making and policymaking roles,]

Recognizing that the full, meaningful and equal participation and leadership of women in all aspects of the UNFCCC process and in national- and local-level climate policymaking and action is vital to achieving long-term climate goals,

[*Noting* that to be delivered effectively, gender-responsive climate action requires systematic consideration across relevant workstreams of the UNFCCC process and under relevant agenda items,]

[*Stressing* the urgency of eliminating persistent historical and structural inequalities, racism, stigmatization and xenophobia, unequal power relations between women and men, discriminatory laws and policies, negative social norms and gender stereotypes, unequal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, and gender-based violence and of eradicating poverty and disadvantage in accessing resources, social protection systems and public services, including universal health services and quality education, in order to realize gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including in the context of climate change,]

[*Recognizing* that gender inequality coupled with climate change poses a challenge for those in situations of vulnerability or marginalization or in conflict settings and those

¹ Decision 3/CP.25.

facing multiple intersecting forms of discrimination based on race, colour, sex, age, language, religion, political, national or social origin, socio-economic, disability or other status.].

Noting with appreciation the contributions received in support of the work undertaken since implementation of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan commence,

1. [Notes with appreciation the intended inclusive approach of the secretariat in responding to the challenges arising from the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic through frequent communication with Parties and national gender and climate change focal points and the organization of online workshops fulfilling mandated activities;]
2. [Notes with concern that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and other multidimensional and inter-related crises have] negatively affected the implementation of the gender action plan and have impeded or reversed advances towards gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;]
3. Notes the compilation and synthesis report by the secretariat on good practices for integrating gender into the work of the constituted bodies² and notes with appreciation the work of the constituted bodies in this regard;
4. Acknowledges the synthesis report by the secretariat on the dimensions and examples of the gender-differentiated impacts of climate change, the role of women as agents of change and opportunities for women³ [and encourages Parties and relevant organizations to strengthen the use of sex-disaggregated data and gender analysis in implementing climate policies, plans, strategies and action and, in doing so, to identify and address the differentiated impacts of climate change on women belonging to vulnerable groups or in situations of vulnerability;]
5. Welcomes the informal report by the secretariat on the in-session workshop on the role and work of national gender and climate change focal points;⁴
6. Also welcomes the synthesis report by the secretariat on the implementation of the activities contained in the gender action plan, areas for improvement and further work to be undertaken;⁵
7. Expresses its appreciation to the International Labour Organization for its preparation of a technical paper exploring linkages between gender-responsive climate action and just transition for promoting inclusive opportunities for all in a low-emission economy;⁶
8. [Welcomes the inclusion, for the first time, of a cross-chapter box dedicated to gender, "climate justice" and transformative pathways as part of the contribution of Working Group II to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;⁷]
9. [Recognizes Parties' efforts to integrate gender considerations into their nationally determined contributions since the adoption of the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and its gender action plan;]
10. Agrees to pursue the achievement of gender balance and greater inclusivity in the UNFCCC process by:

² FCCC/SBI/2022/INF.5.

³ FCCC/SBI/2022/7.

⁴ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/470342>.

⁵ FCCC/SBI/2022/8.

⁶ International Labour Organization. 2022. *Just transition: An essential pathway to achieving gender equality and social justice*. Geneva: International Labour Organization. Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/SubmissionsStaging/Documents/202204141910---ILO%20submission%20-%20Just%20transition%20-%20An%20essential%20pathway%20to%20achieving%20gender%20equality%20and%20social%20justice.pdf>.

⁷ IPCC. 2022. *Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability. Contribution of Working Group II to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. H Pörtner, D Roberts, M Tignor, et al. (eds.). Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press. Available at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2>.

(a) Inviting future Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties to nominate women as high-level climate champions;

(b) Inviting Parties to promote greater gender balance in negotiation meetings under the UNFCCC, including in meetings on gender and climate change;

(c) Inviting the secretariat, relevant presiding officers and event organizers to ensure gender balanced events and facilitate participation of diverse audiences, including for gender and climate change-related events;

11. *[Notes with appreciation the regional focus of the activities undertaken, including workshops and other initiatives that facilitate experience-sharing and knowledge exchange, in the two years since implementation of the gender action plan began;]*

12. *[Encourages Parties, the secretariat and relevant organizations to continue conducting activities under the gender action plan in a regionally focused manner, as appropriate, including by holding events during regional climate weeks and engaging other relevant stakeholders]*

13. *[Urges Parties, United Nations entities and other relevant stakeholders to promote capacity-building initiatives on the importance of addressing cultural and social norms that negatively influence gender dynamics within governments and other institutions involved in climate policy and action;] [Urges Parties, United Nations entities and other relevant stakeholders to promote capacity-building initiatives which respect cultural, religious and social norms within governments and other institutions involved in climate policy and action;]*

14. *[Invites] Parties to strengthen the gender-responsiveness of climate finance with a view to building the capacity of women and to facilitate access to climate finance by grass-roots women's organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities;]*

15. *[Also encourages Parties, the secretariat and relevant organizations, in implementing the gender action plan, to fully engage men and boys as agents and beneficiaries of change and as strategic partners and allies in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change]*

16. *[Invites Parties to institutionalize the role and the work of nominated national gender and climate change focal points within [subnational, national, and international policy and decision-making structures;]*

17. *[Invites] Parties, United Nations entities, constituted bodies, implementing entities and other relevant stakeholders to continue implementing the gender action plan, including the updates in paragraphs x – x below];*

Updates to activities under the priority areas of the gender action plan

B. Capacity-building, knowledge management and communication

18. *[Agrees to include a dialogue with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, national gender and climate change focal points and other relevant stakeholders on the adopted agreed conclusions of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women as an additional deliverable/output under activity A.2⁸ and requests the secretariat to convene the dialogue before the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2022);]*

⁸ Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 1. The aim of activity A.2 is to discuss and clarify the role and the work of the national gender and climate change focal points, including through providing capacity-building, tools and resources, sharing experience and best practices, workshops, knowledge exchange, peer-to-peer learning, mentoring and coaching.

C. Gender balance, participation and women's leadership

19. [*Agrees* to include youth, indigenous women, people with disabilities, and those facing multiple intersecting forms of discrimination in addition to women in the description of activity B.1;⁹]

D. Coherence

20. [*Agrees* to include all members, in addition to new members, of constituted bodies in the context of the deliverable/output under activity C.1;¹⁰]

E. Gender-responsive implementation and means of implementation

21. [*Agrees* to add two expert group meetings on priority area D, to be held in 2023 and 2024, as deliverables/outputs under activity D.1¹¹ and *requests* the secretariat to facilitate the organization of these expert group meetings by relevant organizations;]

22. [*Agrees* to consider trends in gender-responsive climate finance through a workshop organized by the secretariat in 2023, in collaboration with financial institutions including the Green Climate Fund and Global Environment Facility as well as multilateral development banks and bilateral development financial institutions, as a new deliverable/output under activity D2;¹²]

23. [*Agrees* to include a call for submissions by Parties and relevant organizations on good practices for and lessons learned on governance frameworks at the national and subnational level seen as successful in linking gender and climate change and thus in enhancing implementation of the gender action plan, as well as on the integration of gender into national climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, via the submission portal¹³ by 31 March 2023 as an additional deliverable/output under activity D.6;¹⁴]

F. Monitoring and reporting

24. [*Agrees* to include monitoring and reporting on [sexual and reproductive health and rights], [unpaid care and domestic work], [just transition] and [new masculinities] in order to better monitor implementation of the gender action plan as an additional activity under priority area E and to include the development of indicators thereon by the secretariat, in collaboration with stakeholders, as the deliverable/output of this new activity;]

⁹ Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 2. The aim of activity B.1 is to promote initiatives for capacity-building in leadership, negotiation and facilitation of negotiation for women delegates, including through webinars and in-session training to enhance women's participation in the UNFCCC process.

¹⁰ Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 3. The aim of activity C.1 is to ensure that new members of constituted bodies are introduced to gender-related mandates and to the relevance of gender in the context of their work in a consistent and systematic manner.

¹¹ Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 4. The aim of activity D.1 is to share experience and support capacity-building on gender budgeting, including on the integration of gender-responsive budgeting into national budgets to advance gender responsive climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate.

¹² Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 4. The aim of activity D.2 is to raise awareness of the financial and technical support available for promoting the strengthening of gender integration into climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate, including good practices to facilitate access to climate finance for grass-roots women's organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities.

¹³ See <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

¹⁴ Decision 3/CP.25, annex, table 4. The aim of activity D6 is to exchange information on lessons learned among Parties that have integrated gender into national climate policies, plans, strategies and action, as appropriate (e.g. information on results, impacts and main challenges), and on the actions that Parties are taking to mainstream gender in any updates thereto, as appropriate.

25. [*Agrees* to include guidelines, for use on a voluntary basis, for implementing the gender action plan and reporting thereon as an additional activity under priority area E and *requests* the secretariat to prepare the guidelines before the fifty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (June 2023) as a deliverable/output for this new activity;]

26. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs x above;

27. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.]
