

G77 Statement on the Report of the WIM Executive Committee

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1. Guinea is speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. We would like to thank you, Chair, for convening this meeting under this agenda item. As you know, the issue of loss and damage is of great priority to the Group because of the increasing severity of the impacts of climate change on our communities and economies. In this context, the commitment to financing loss and damage remains a key priority for our membership. We emphasize the need for the development of a financing stream on loss and damage, in addition to the existing \$100 billion commitment, to help our member countries manage some of the impacts associated with slow onset events, non-economic losses, comprehensive risk management, displacement, etc.
3. We would like to express appreciation to the members of the Executive Committee of the WIM for providing us with its 2021 report contained in FCCC/SB/2021/4/Add.2. We welcome the report and have taken due note of its contents and recommendations. We also welcome the Executive Committee's report for 2020 as contained in FCCC/SB/2020/3 and the recommendations therein.
4. The Group of 77 and China welcomes the progress shown by the Executive Committee in implementing its workplan and that of its expert groups in implementing their plans of action, as well as the adoption by the Executive Committee of these expert groups' respective plans of action on non-economic losses, slow onset events, and action and support.
5. Collective progress in addressing, minimizing and averting loss and damage is among the issues that the Group feels is important to assess as part of the Global Stocktake. This is the reason why loss and damage has been specifically referred to in the modalities of the GST, and why the WIM Executive Committee is among the constituted bodies that are expected to provide input into the GST. We therefore welcome the progress of the Executive Committee in preparing its contribution in response to the invitation of the CMA to prepare a synthesis report for the technical assessment component of the GST.
6. We expect that such report for the GST will be comprehensive and provide Parties with information not only about the work of the Executive Committee in fulfilling its mandate but also about the extent of loss and damage arising from the adverse effects of climate change, especially in developing countries; the actions and support, including finance, being undertaken to address, minimize and avert such loss and damage; implementation and support gaps, barriers, challenges and opportunities; and recommendations on how loss and damage-related actions under the Convention and Article 8 of its Paris Agreement can be further enhanced.
7. The Group wishes to also express its appreciation through the Executive Committee to UNEP, FAO, WFP, and UNDRR for responding to the request of the CMA and the COP contained in decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 44, and decision 2/CP.25, paragraph 1, for the submission to the Executive Committee of reports on the technical assistance they are providing to developing countries relevant to addressing, minimizing and averting loss and damage. The Group takes due note of these reports. However, the Executive Committee's 2021 report brought to light the inadequacies of the current arrangement for these reports. There is insufficient clarity on the technical assistance available and accessible to developing

countries, and there is also lack of information on the wide range of topics for which technical assistance is available. It also highlighted the need for more organizations, bodies, networks and experts to be engaged and reporting on their work, including those from sub-national, national, regional and international levels.

8. In our view, it is clear that while the Santiago Network was established under paragraph 43 of decision 2/CMA.2, its operational modalities were not, and this needs to be rectified for the Network to be effective in its mandate. Neither have the form, functions, institutional coordination arrangements, and financing for the Santiago Network been fleshed out and agreed to by the Parties. These are issues that require further deliberation and negotiations among Parties at this COP, in order to produce a decision that advances and institutionalizes the operationalization of the Santiago Network.
9. The Group notes with appreciation the recommendation in paragraph 46(m) of the Executive Committee's 2021 report as a way of facilitating reports on the technical assistance provided and ensuring that the information captured in the reports would be useful to Parties. These should, however, be done in the context of a more systematic, substantive, and institutionalized approach which full operationalization of the Santiago Network would facilitate as it seeks to catalyze and obtain the full spectrum of technical assistance and other support, including finance, that developing countries need to address loss and damage.
10. The Group therefore suggests that in addition to welcoming the Executive Committee's reports and in light of the information and reports referred to in the reports relevant to the Santiago Network, the SBI and SBSTA include specific recommendations to the COP and the CMA for a decision on the form, functions, and institutional arrangements needed for the operationalization of the Santiago Network.
11. Thank you very much.