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associated with Climate Change Impacts (for 2020 and  
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**Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairs**

**Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and  
Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their fifty-second to fifty-fifth sessions, having considered the reports of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts for 2020 and 2021, recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the appropriate body or bodies:

**Draft decision<sup>1</sup>**

**Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage  
associated with Climate Change Impacts**

*Placeholder to name, at a later stage, the governing body or bodies that will adopt this decision,<sup>2</sup>*

*Recalling decision 2/CP.19, whereby the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts was established to address loss and*

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<sup>1</sup> For consideration and adoption by the appropriate body or bodies at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow.

<sup>2</sup> Pending the outcome of the Presidency consultations on agenda item 7 of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session and agenda item 7 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its third session. Nothing in this document prejudices Parties' views or prejudices outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.



damage associated with the impacts of climate change, including extreme events and slow onset events, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change,

*Also recalling* decisions 3/CP.18, 2/CP.19, 2/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 2/CP.21, 3/CP.22, 4/CP.22, 5/CP.23, 10/CP.24, 2/CP.25 and 2/CMA.2,

*Being aware* of the relevant provisions of decisions 18/CMA.1 and 19/CMA.1,

*Recalling* Article 8 of the Paris Agreement,

*Also recalling* decision 2/CMA.2, noted in decision 2/CP.25, whereby the next review of the Warsaw International Mechanism was recommended to be held in 2024 and every five years thereafter,

*Acknowledging* the efforts of the Presidencies of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions between those sessions concerning the Santiago network,

*Noting* the increasing urgency of enhancing efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage in the light of continued global warming and its significant impacts on vulnerable populations and the ecosystems on which they depend, as illustrated by the findings of the latest scientific reports, including the contribution of Working Group I to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,

1. *Welcomes* the reports of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts for 2020<sup>3</sup> and 2021,<sup>4</sup> including the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Also welcomes* the continued progress of the Executive Committee in implementing its five-year rolling workplan and that of its expert groups in implementing their plans of action, including in response to the relevant outcomes of the 2019 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism, despite the extraordinary challenges due to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic;

3. *Further welcomes:*

(a) The adoption by the Executive Committee of the plans of action of its expert groups on non-economic losses, slow onset events, and action and support, and the continued progress of implementation of the plans of action of the task force on displacement and the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management;

(b) The decision of the Executive Committee to update its five-year rolling workplan in 2022;

(c) The provision of input to the Standing Committee on Finance relating to the draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;

(d) The progress of the Executive Committee, further to decision 19/CMA.1, in preparing its contribution for the technical assessment component of the global stocktake;

4. *Encourages* the Executive Committee to:

(a) Include in its contribution referred to in paragraph 3(d) above, to the extent possible, information on challenges, opportunities, best practices and lessons learned in implementing the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism as well as on activities and products relevant to the loss and damage considerations under the global stocktake, including in the context of decision 19/CMA.1, paragraphs 6(b)(ii) and 36(e);

(b) Consider including in the agendas for its regular meetings a standing item on how the latest climate science can inform policymaking;

5. *Expresses appreciation* to:

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<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SB/2020/3.

<sup>4</sup> FCCC/SB/2021/4 and Add.1–2.

(a) Organizations and other stakeholders that contributed to the success of the work undertaken and to the constituted bodies that collaborated with the Executive Committee and its expert groups in 2020–2021;

(b) Organizations that have submitted information pursuant to decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 44;

6. *Invites* organizations, bodies, networks and experts to include the following when reporting on the technical assistance provided to developing countries<sup>5</sup> with the aim of enhancing the information captured in the reports of the Executive Committee:

(a) The type of technical assistance provided;

(b) The developing countries to which technical assistance was provided and when;

(c) The involvement of and collaboration among stakeholders at the local, subnational, national, regional and international level, as applicable;

(d) Challenges experienced in providing technical assistance;

(e) The ways in which countries may access the technical assistance available;

7. *Encourages*, noting the breadth of topics addressed in the strategic workstreams<sup>6</sup> of the Executive Committee, a broad range of organizations, bodies, networks and experts from all regions, working at the local, subnational, national, regional and international level, including those in developing countries and those that are represented in the expert groups of the Executive Committee, to engage in the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change while avoiding duplication of their ongoing efforts;

8. *Acknowledges* that the entities referred to in paragraph 7 above, particularly those that are based in developing countries, may need support, including financial support, in providing technical assistance;

9. *Decides* that the functions of the Santiago network include those in (a–d) below, and that any additional functions of the Santiago network are to be further considered at the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2022) with a view to them recommending a draft decision on the institutional arrangements of the Santiago network for consideration and adoption by the governing body at its next session or the governing bodies at their next sessions<sup>7</sup> (November 2022) referred to in paragraph 10 below:

(a) Contributing to the effective implementation of the functions<sup>8</sup> of the Warsaw International Mechanism, in line with the provisions in paragraph 7 of decision 2/CP.19 and Article 8 of the Paris Agreement, by catalysing the technical assistance of organizations, bodies, networks and experts;

(b) Facilitating and catalysing collaboration, coordination, coherence and synergies to accelerate action by organizations, bodies, networks and experts, across communities of practices, and for them to deliver effective and efficient technical assistance to developing countries;

(c) Facilitating the development, provision and dissemination of, and access to, knowledge and information on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including comprehensive risk management approaches, at the regional, national and local level;

<sup>5</sup> As per decision 2/CMA.2, para. 44.

<sup>6</sup> As contained in the annex to document FCCC/SB/2017/1/Add.1.

<sup>7</sup> Pending the outcome of the informal consultations on agenda item 7 of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session and agenda item 7 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its third session. Nothing in this document prejudices Parties' views or prejudices outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism.

<sup>8</sup> Decision 2/CP.10, para. 5.

(d) Facilitating, by catalysing technical assistance, identification of actions and access to sources of support (finance, technology and capacity-building) under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

10. *Also decides* to further develop the institutional arrangements of the Santiago network by:

(a) Inviting Parties and relevant organizations to submit via the submission portal<sup>9</sup> by 15 March 2022 their views on the following aspects of the Santiago network:

- (i) Operational modalities;
- (ii) Structure;
- (iii) The role of the Executive Committee and its expert groups, task force and technical expert group;
- (iv) The role of loss and damage contact points and other relevant stakeholders at the subnational, national and regional level;
- (v) Possible elements for the terms of reference of a potential convening or coordinating body that may provide secretarial services to facilitate work under the Santiago network;

(b) Requesting the secretariat to organize a technical workshop<sup>10</sup> prior to the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, under the guidance of the Chairs of those bodies, with inputs from the Executive Committee and the participation of Parties and relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts, to elaborate on the submissions referred to in paragraph 10(a) above;

(c) Requesting the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their fifty-sixth sessions, to consider the submissions referred to in paragraph 10(a) above and the discussions at the technical workshop referred to in paragraph 10(b) above with a view to providing recommendations for consideration and adoption by the governing body at its next session or the governing bodies at their next session;

11. *Requests* the secretariat to continue providing support for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change that may seek or wish to benefit from the technical assistance available from organizations, bodies, networks and experts under the Santiago network without prejudice to the outcomes of the consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation of matters relating to the network;

12. *Encourages*, recognizing the urgent need for scaling-up of action and support, as appropriate, including finance, technology and capacity-building, for the implementation of relevant approaches<sup>11</sup> to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, the Executive Committee, on the basis of its recommendation, to:

(a) Continue engaging and strengthening its dialogue with the Standing Committee on Finance, including by providing input to the Standing Committee on Finance when, in accordance with its mandate, it provides information, recommendations and draft guidance relating to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, as appropriate;

(b) Commence, continue and/or explore potential ways to enhance, as appropriate, collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to inform the work of the Executive Committee and its expert group on action and support;

<sup>9</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

<sup>10</sup> With the workshop to be held in a hybrid in-person and virtual format to encourage broad participation.

<sup>11</sup> Relevant approaches for, inter alia, slow onset events, non-economic losses and human mobility.

13. *Placeholder pending the outcomes of the considerations related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism;*
  14. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;
  15. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
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