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[The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, Recalling the Paris Agreement,

Also recalling Article 2, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement, which provides that the Agreement, in enhancing the implementation of the Convention, including its objective, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, including by holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change; by increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emission development, in a manner that does not threaten food production; and by making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development,

Further recalling Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, which provides that the Agreement will be implemented to reflect equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances,

Recalling the tenth preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement, in which Parties take into account the imperatives of a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities,

Also recalling decision 3/CMA.5, paragraph 2(b), in which it was decided that the work programme shall consider just and equitable transition, which encompasses pathways that include energy, socioeconomic, workforce and other dimensions, all of which must be based on nationally defined development priorities and include social protection so as to mitigate potential impacts associated with the transition,

Further recalling decision 3/CMA.5, paragraph 1, in which the objective of the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme was confirmed as being the discussion of pathways to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement outlined in Article 2, paragraph 1, in the context of Article 2, paragraph 2, and paragraphs 2–11, in which the elements and modalities of the work programme were decided,

Recalling decision 1/CMA.4, paragraphs 50–53,

Also recalling decision 1/CMA.3, paragraph 85, in which the need was recognized to ensure just transitions that promote sustainable development and eradication of poverty, and the creation of decent work and quality jobs, including through making financial flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, including through deployment and transfer of technology, and provision of support to developing country Parties,

Highlighting that the work programme aims to contribute to the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, including by contributing to efforts to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty,

Recognizing the importance of the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking,

Also recognizing that the preparation of nationally determined contributions that are aligned with the outcomes of the first global stocktake and are in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement should define just transition pathways,

Noting that just transition pathways are determined at the national level through national climate plans, policies and strategies such as NDCs, NAPs and LT-LEDS, and that the level of ambition set therein is dependent on opportunities for international cooperation,

Also recognizing that just transitions are for all countries,

Highlighting the unique challenges and opportunities of each Party in pursuing a just transition pathway aligned with achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement,

Recognizing the specific needs and special circumstances of developing country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, as provided for in the Convention,

Taking full account of the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries with regard to funding and transfer of technology,

Underscoring the importance of urgent delivery of means of implementation (capacity-building, climate finance, and technology development and transfer) to facilitate just transition pathways and of enhancing international cooperation on, and support for, just transition pathways, especially for developing country Parties,

Highlighting the importance of just transition pathways for achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement,

Emphasizing the cross-cutting nature of just transitions and their relevance for processes and initiatives under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decision 1/CMA.5, paragraph 9, in which it was reaffirmed that sustainable and just solutions to the climate crisis must be founded on meaningful and effective social dialogue and participation of all stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples, local communities and governments, women, and youth and children, and noted that the global transition to low emissions and climate-resilient development provides opportunities and challenges for sustainable development and poverty eradication,

Also recalling decision 1/CMA.5, paragraph 10, in which it was underlined that just transitions can support more robust and equitable mitigation outcomes, with tailored approaches addressing different contexts,

Further recalling decision 1/CMA.5, paragraph 154, in the context of just transitions,

Recalling the invitation in decision 1/CMA.5, paragraph 186, for relevant outcomes of the first global stocktake to be integrated into the planning of future work under relevant work programmes and constituted bodies under or serving the Paris Agreement, in line with their mandates;

Recognizing that just transition pathways are relevant not only in the context of mitigation, but also in the context of adaptation, strengthening climate resilience, increasing adaptive capacities and responding to loss and damage, which are all essential for ensuring that just transition pathways leave no one behind,

Also recognizing that the widening adaptation finance gap may hinder the implementation of just transition pathways in developing countries, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change,

Further recognizing that the implementation of just transition pathways may contribute to limiting the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and that limiting the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels will inform just transition pathways;

1. *Welcomes* the first and second dialogues held under the United Arab Emirates just transition work programme,¹ which facilitated the sharing by Parties and non-Party stakeholders of opportunities, best practices, actionable solutions, challenges and barriers pertaining to the topics of the dialogues, including information on differing approaches to and experience in implementing just transition pathways in a national context and examples of support available for implementing those pathways;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies and the secretariat for organizing the dialogues referred to in paragraph 1 above and *expresses gratitude* to the Parties, non-Party stakeholders and experts that contributed to the discussions at and submitted views² in relation to the dialogues referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Expresses appreciation* to the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies and the secretariat for preparing the informal summaries of the first³ and second⁴ dialogues under the work programme, as well as the annual summary report thereon,⁵ and *notes* the views of Parties, observers and other non-Party stakeholders reflected therein;

[Placeholder: findings of the dialogues]

[Placeholder: guidance on ensuring that dialogues are conducive to concrete outcomes and actionable solutions, and improvements to future dialogues, if any]

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring the inclusive and active participation of Parties and non-Party stakeholders in future dialogues under the work programme, including by introducing interactive formats that foster engagement of and constructive discussion among all participants, whether they are attending in person or online;

5. *Highlights* the importance of ensuring that all elements of the work programme⁶ are considered in its implementation;

6. *Decides* that the topic of third dialogue shall be on approaches to enhancing adaptation and climate resilience at the national and international level in the context of just transition pathways and *requests* the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies to consult Parties in deciding on the topics to be discussed at each subsequent dialogue to be held prior to CMA 8 (November 2026), ensuring the coverage of all elements contained in paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5;

[Placeholder for any other guidance on the future implementation/outcomes of the work programme]

7. *Requests* the UNFCCC constituted bodies to integrate just transition elements into their existing workplans and to report on their progress in implementing related activities under their existing reporting processes;

8. *Recognizes* the importance of building on relevant work on designing and implementing just transition pathways under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement for maximizing synergies in the context of the work programme;

9. *Emphasizes* the importance of international cooperation for the implementation of just transition pathways;

10. *Underlines* the importance of ensuring that just transition approaches are tailored to national circumstances and based on nationally defined development priorities and *highlights* the contribution of just transitions to more robust and equitable mitigation and adaptation outcomes;

¹ As per decision 3/CMA.5, para. 5.

² In response to decision 3/CMA.5, paras. 6 and 8. The submissions are available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (in the search field, type “just transition”).

³ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/640155>.

⁴ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/642594>.

⁵ FCCC/SB/2024/7.

⁶ As contained in decision 3/CMA.5, para. 2.

11. *Also highlights* the importance of respecting, promoting and considering human rights, including the rights to development, gender equality, education for sustainable development and decent work, and labour rights, and of ensuring meaningful and effective social dialogue involving all relevant social partners, including with workers affected by a just transition, people in vulnerable situations, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, migrants and internally displaced people, children, youth and persons with disabilities, for enabling effective, inclusive and participatory just transition pathways;
12. *Urges* Parties to consider just transition pathways in developing and implementing NDCs, NAPs and LT-LEDS, recognizing that this can facilitate more ambitious outcomes;
13. *Acknowledges* the challenges and barriers faced by developing country Parties with significant capacity constraints, such as the least developed countries and small island developing States, in preparing and implementing national climate change plans and *notes* the importance of enhancing the provision of means of implementation and creating domestic enabling environments for preparing and implementing such plans;
14. *Notes* the summary of the 2023 Forum of the Standing Committee on Finance on financing just transitions⁷ and the information therein on integrating consideration of just transitions into national policymaking, and mobilization of and access to, and enabling environments and policy frameworks for, financing just transitions;
15. *Acknowledges* the support available to developing country Parties with capacity constraints for developing and implementing NDCs, NAPs and LT-LEDS that incorporate consideration of just transition pathways and *highlights* the need for enhanced support in this regard, as reflected in the summary referred to in paragraph 14 above;
16. *Emphasizes* the importance of means of implementation, including capacity-building, climate finance, and technology development and transfer, for facilitating just transitions that promote sustainable development and the eradication of poverty in the context of the global transition to low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development;
17. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs xx above;
18. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.]

⁷ FCCC/CP/2023/2/Add.4–FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/8/Add.4.