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Report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (for 2020 and 2021)

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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairs

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their fifty-second to fifty-fifth session, 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

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

[Placeholder to include, at a later stage, the governing body or bodies which will adopt this decision].¹

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 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 Article 8 of the Paris Agreement,

Further recalling decision 2/CMA.2, whereby the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change was established under the Warsaw International Mechanism to catalyse the technical assistance of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts for the implementation of relevant approaches at the local, national and regional level in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change,

Noting the increasing urgency of enhancing efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage as illustrated by the findings of the latest scientific assessment reports,

1. *Welcomes* the reports of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts for 2020² and 2021³ and *endorses* the recommendations 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

¹ Pending the outcome of the Presidential consultations on agenda item 7 of the Conference of the Parties/agenda item 7 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement. Nothing in this document prejudices Parties' views or prejudges outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism.

² FCCC/SB/2020/3.

³ FCCC/SB/2021/4 and Add.1 and Add.2.

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;

(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 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 developed by relevant constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and under work programmes or other processes that may be relevant to the loss and damage considerations under the global stocktake, including in the context of decision 19/CMA.1, paragraph 6(b)(ii);

5. *Expresses appreciation to:*

(a) Organizations and experts 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. *Recognizes* the need for further clarity on the technical assistance made available to and accessed by developing countries and on the wide range of areas in which technical assistance is available, in the context of decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 44;

7. *Invites* organizations, bodies, networks and experts to include the following when reporting on the technical assistance provided to developing countries,⁴ 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 ways in which countries may access the technical assistance available;

8. Noting the breadth of topics addressed in the strategic workstreams⁵ of the Executive Committee, *encourages* a broad range of organizations, bodies, networks and experts, 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;

9. *Acknowledges* that the entities referred to in paragraph 8 above that are based in developing countries may need support in providing technical assistance and reporting thereon;

10. *Recognizes* the need for:

(a) Dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among the entities referred to in paragraph 8 above in order to effectively and efficiently provide technical assistance to developing countries, *inter alia*, to enable them to undertake actions pursuant to decision

⁴ As per decision 2/CMA.2, para. 44.

⁵ As contained in document FCCC/SB/2017/1/Add.1, annex.

3/CP.18, paragraph 6, and to enhance understanding and action in the areas referred to in Article 8, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement;

(b) Coherence of efforts under the Warsaw International Mechanism, including the work of the expert groups of the Executive Committee and the development of technical guides and products;

(c) Further capacity-building at the subnational and national level in developing countries for accessing finance to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts;

(d) Support for developing countries to identify and communicate their technical assistance needs to enable enhanced action on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme weather events and slow onset events;

(e) Technical assistance for developing countries to implement existing approaches and, where necessary, develop new approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, while avoiding duplication of effort;

(f) A demand-driven approach in catalysing technical assistance under the Santiago network;

11. *Decides* to further develop the organizational arrangements of the Santiago network through the following process:

(a) Inviting Parties and relevant organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 28 February 2022, views and inputs on operational modalities, structure, potential role of the Executive Committee, and possible elements for the terms of reference of a convening body to facilitate the work under the Santiago network;

(b) Requesting the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to organize a technical workshop prior to its fifty-sixth session (June 2022), with the participation of Parties and relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts, to elaborate on the views and inputs referred to in paragraph 11(a) above;

(c) Requesting the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh (November 2022) sessions, to consider the views and inputs referred to in paragraph 11(a) above, and the discussions at the technical workshop referred to in paragraph 11(b) above, with the aim of making recommendations for consideration and adoption at COP 27 /CMA 4 (November 2022);⁶

(d) Requesting the secretariat to continue providing support for the Santiago network without prejudice to the outcomes of the consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation of matters relating to the network;

12. Recognizing the need for increased financial support for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage to ensure that developing countries are able to adequately address the significant impacts currently associated with slow onset events, non-economic losses, comprehensive risk management, displacement and other loss and damage related issues, *urges* the Executive Committee 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.

Placeholder pending the outcomes of the considerations related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism

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