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2024 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

[Preamble

Placeholder, pending Parties' consultations

Procedural

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*Other placeholders, pending Parties' consultations: guidelines for national L&D plans/NDCs;
support to countries estimate/quantify L&D needs and cost; L&D report; scaling up
finance; GST-related information*

Enhancing implementation

1. *Agrees* on the need to enhance the effectiveness of the implementation of the functions¹ of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts;
2. *Stresses* the importance of continuing to enhance action for responding to loss and damage to ensure that the work under the Warsaw International Mechanism further serves particularly vulnerable developing countries and segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihood, gender, age, minority status, marginalization, displacement or disability, as well as the ecosystems that they depend on;
3. *Expresses appreciation* to the thematic expert groups of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism and the organizations, bodies, networks and experts engaged in providing technical assistance to developing countries through the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change for their progress in furthering the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism;
4. *Recalls* the recommendation² for Parties to establish a loss and damage contact point through their respective UNFCCC national focal point and the invitation³ for Parties to inform the Santiago network secretariat of their liaison to the Santiago network secretariat, as appropriate;
5. *Requests* the UNFCCC secretariat and the Santiago network secretariat to, as appropriate:

¹ Decision 2/CP.19, para. 5.

² Decision 4/CP.22, para. 4(d).

³ Decision 12/CMA.4, para. 25. That decision was endorsed by decision 11/CP.27.

(a) Make information on the loss and damage contact points and liaisons referred to in paragraph 4 above available on the relevant web pages, for example, including through hyperlinks;

(b) Disseminate information on knowledge products and other activities arising from the work under the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism and the Santiago network through the loss and damage contact points and liaisons;

6. *Acknowledges* the progress in operationalizing the Santiago network to date, including the catalysation of the first cases of technical assistance by organizations, bodies, networks and experts thereunder;

7. *Requests* the Santiago network to enhance its efforts to catalyse the provision of technical assistance by 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;

8. *Encourages* developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to submit requests for technical assistance to the Santiago network in a nationally determined manner;

9. *Reiterates* its invitation⁴ to the Advisory Board of the Santiago network to provide guidance to the Santiago network secretariat on developing guidelines and procedures for enabling access to and assisting in preparing requests for technical assistance that recognize the significant capacity constraints of the least developed countries and small island developing States;

10. *Recalls* that the Santiago network secretariat will have a lean, cost-efficient organizational structure, led by a director who will manage a small core team of professional and administrative staff, in order to meet its responsibilities and perform its functions efficiently and effectively;⁵

11. *Issue of cost-effectiveness of secretariat/level of administrative costs/maximising resources for TA*

12. *Requests* the Santiago network to ensure that technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network is made available to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including through levels of minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network directed to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

13. *Recalls* that the Santiago network secretariat will commission one independent review of the performance of the Santiago network, including sustainability and sources of funding, adequacy of funding levels relative to technical assistance requests, timeliness, effectiveness, engagement, gender-responsiveness and delivery of technical assistance to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in a timely manner so that the findings of this review can feed into the subsequent review of the Warsaw International Mechanism, for determining the need for further independent reviews of the performance of the Santiago network;⁶

14. *Requests* the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to:

(a) Include activities in the upcoming plan of action of the expert group on action and support that inform the Executive Committee's work in assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in better accessing technical assistance and finance for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

(b) Update the membership of the expert group on action and support in view of its plan of action referred to in paragraph 13(a) above;

⁴ Decision 6/CMA.5, para. 27. That decision was endorsed by decision 2/CP.28.

⁵ Decision 12/CMA.4, annex I, para. 13.

⁶ Decision 12/CMA.4, annex I, para. 20.

(c) Collaborate with the Advisory Board of the Santiago network and the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage in undertaking the work referred to in paragraph 13(a) above;

(d) Finalize the plan of action referred to in paragraph 13(a) above by X date;

(e) Enhance its work on non-economic losses, including through its expert group on non-economic losses, with a view to assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in seeking technical assistance under the Santiago network;

(f) Develop knowledge products focused on enhancing understanding of approaches to managing compound risks and responding to loss and damage arising from cascading impacts associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

(g) *Develop a knowledge product on the methodologies available for quantifying and qualifying the economic and non-economic costs of the impacts of loss and damage, inter alia, to support countries in their planning processes and for preparing technical and funding proposals;*

(g alt) Enhance work on CRM by the development of a knowledge product, engaging relevant experts to compile and share methodologies for integrating long-term risk assessments, including risk quantification for economic and non-economic loss and damage, into comprehensive climate risk management approaches to inform national planning and the development of national response systems

(h) Strengthen support for the collection and management of data, including gender-disaggregated data, for assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

(i) Enhance coordination across its thematic expert groups with a view to strengthening synergies in their work;

Acknowledges the progress made by the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism, its expert groups, technical expert group and task force, in preparing the voluntary guidelines for enhancing the collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports;

Encourages the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to expedite the completion of the voluntary guidelines referred to in paragraph X above,

Further encourages the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to ensure that the information provided in these guidelines are relevant to Parties in their preparation of biennial transparency reports;

Encourages the Executive Committee to integrate the relevant outcomes of the first global stocktake mentioned in decision 1/CMA.5 paras 133, 134 and 186, in the development of future rolling work plans of actions and Plans of Action of its expert groups, technical expert group and task force.,

Decides to prepare a regular report for the purpose of synthesising information on critical issues and lessons learned and providing best practices, solutions, and policy advice on loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, in an accessible and user friendly manner by:

i) providing regular, concrete information of scientific, policy, financial and technical work in the global response to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage; and

ii) establishing a centralized source of information on loss and damage under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

iii) promoting case studies, best practices, lessons learned, projection, scenarios and solutions on risk analysis capturing loss and damage occurrences, typologies and costs in all regions and across all types of climate-related hazards;

iv) showcasing experiences and promoting understanding of integrating cross-cutting vulnerability and human rights analyses in averting, minimizing and addressing loss and

damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. ;

Further decides that the report should be informed by, inter alia:

- a) The policies, plans and strategies of Parties related to loss and damage, including those outlined in their national plans;*
- b) Information provided by Parties in their biennial transparency reports (BTRs) in accordance with decision 18/CMA.1, Annex, paragraph 115;*
- c) Best available science, including inputs and information from the IPCC relating to loss and damage;*
- d) Indigenous Peoples knowledges and the knowledge systems of local communities ;*
- e) Reports and publications from Santiago network members OBNEs;*
- f) Joint Annual Reports of the ExCom and Santiago network;*
- g) Knowledge products of the ExCom and the Santiago network;*
- h) UNFCCC secretariat's synthesis report on loss and damage in BTRs;*
- i) SCF's biennial assessments and needs determination reports*

Requests the Santiago network Advisory Board to prepare, no later than SNAB6, terms of reference, including the modalities, budget, timeline and engagement and involvement of OBNEs, for the development of a report to commission the preparation of this report to the Santiago network's member organisations, bodies, networks and experts;

Enhancing complementarity and coordination

14. *Recognizes* the importance of enhancing complementarity and coordination across the work of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism, the Advisory Board of the Santiago network and the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage;

15. *Encourages* the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board, in collaboration with the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, to enhance the coherence and complementarity of their work, including by:

- (a) Holding regular meetings between the Co-Chairs of the bodies and the respective secretariats;
- (b) Holding back-to-back meetings of the bodies, particularly for meetings of the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board;

16. *Also encourages* the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board to inform the development of each other's knowledge products and other technical products, and to develop knowledge products together;

17. *Requests* the Executive Committee, including through its thematic expert groups, and the Advisory Board, in undertaking their work, to enhance collaboration with constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement within their respective mandates, as well as relevant organizations and other stakeholders outside the UNFCCC process, drawing on the best available information and expertise relevant to their work, including by forming partnerships for collaborative work;

Enhancing accessibility and outreach

18. *Recognizes* the need to enhance the relevance, usefulness and dissemination of the outputs of the Warsaw International Mechanism to enable Parties and other stakeholders to easily make use of them in planning and implementing approaches to responding to loss and damage;

19. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups to make technical guides and knowledge products developed under the Warsaw International Mechanism available in languages other than English and *encourages* the Executive

Committee and organizations engaged under the Warsaw International Mechanism to continue such efforts, as appropriate;

20. *Requests* the Executive Committee to improve the user-friendliness, relevance and dissemination of its technical products to practitioners working, including at the local level, on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

21. *Also requests* the Santiago network secretariat to ensure that its guidelines are widely accessible and updated as necessary;

22. *Further requests* the Santiago network to make use of the outputs of the Warsaw International Mechanism when catalysing the provision of technical assistance to developing countries for responding to loss and damage;

23. *Requests* the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board to:

(a) Develop joint communication and outreach activities, including by leveraging the Santiago network's capacity to reach out to stakeholders outside of the UNFCCC process;

(b) Develop 'explainers' that include key messages on the mandate for and work under the Warsaw International Mechanism, including on its institutional arrangements, to use them as communication tools and to update them, as needed;

(c) Undertake joint outreach to UNFCCC national focal points, loss and damage contact points and national liaisons to the Santiago network secretariat to promote synergies among them;

(d) Work together with the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage to ensure its uptake of knowledge products, including technical guides, available under the Warsaw International Mechanism;

Enhancing finance and other support

24. *Welcomes* the financial contributions of Parties for the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, including for the work of the Executive Committee and for operationalizing the Santiago network, and *encourages* Parties to continue to provide such contributions;

25. *Acknowledges the significant gaps that remain in responding to the increased scale and frequency of loss and damage, and the associated economic and non-economic losses and recognizes the need for urgent and enhanced action and support for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts; (from NCQG - 1/CMA.6 para 19)*

26. *Requests* the Warsaw International Mechanism to continue to catalyse capacity-building for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, including by publishing knowledge products that facilitate access to support, including finance, for responding to loss and damage, especially through the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage;

27. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs x–y above;⁷

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

⁷ To be completed at a later stage.