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

[The [Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement][Conference of the Parties],¹

Placeholder pending Parties text on preamble

I. Enhancing implementation

1. *Welcomes* the progress of work under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts since the last review thereof, which took place at the 2nd session of the CMA;
2. *Agrees* on the need to enhance the effectiveness of the implementation of the functions² of the Warsaw International Mechanism;
3. *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;
4. *Expresses appreciation* to the expert groups, technical expert group and task force 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;
5. *Recalls* the recommendation³ for Parties to establish a loss and damage contact point through their respective UNFCCC national focal point and the invitation⁴ for Parties to inform the Santiago network secretariat of their liaison to the Santiago network secretariat, as appropriate;

¹ Pending outcome of the WIM governance consultations.

² See decision 2/CP.19, para. 5.

³ Decision 4/CP.22, para. 4(d).

⁴ See para. 25 of decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed in decision 11/CP.27.

6. *Welcomes* the progress in operationalizing the Santiago network to date, including the catalysation of the provision of the first case of technical assistance, namely to Vanuatu, by organizations, bodies, networks and experts thereunder, while highlighting the crucial need to accelerate delivery of technical assistance;

7. ***Placeholder pending Parties text on the prioritization of the enhancement of the SN TA***

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 demand-driven and country-driven nationally determined manner;

9. *Also encourages* communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to submit requests for technical assistance, while recalling that technical assistance provided through the Santiago network in a demand-driven manner will be developed through an inclusive and country-driven process taking into account the needs of vulnerable people, Indigenous Peoples and local communities;⁵

10. *Recalls* paragraph 27 of decision 6/CMA.5, endorsed in decision 2/CP.28, in which the Advisory Board of the Santiago network was invited 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;

11. *Invites* the Advisory Board of the Santiago network to consider expediting the provision of support for accessing technical assistance and preparing requests for technical assistance to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change, including through possible enhancements to existing guidelines and procedures, as appropriate;

12. *Acknowledges* the decisions of the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board of the Santiago network to incorporate gender-responsive and intergenerationally equitable considerations into their respective work, including through the promotion of disaggregated data and gender statistics, and engagement of gender experts and women-led organizations in that work;

13. *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;⁶

14. ***Placeholder pending Parties text on SN's cost-effectiveness***

15. *Acknowledges* the decision of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network on the approach to determining the minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network directed to communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change⁷ and *requests* the secretariat to develop a proposal on a minimum percentage to be presented to the Advisory Board for consideration and adoption by its 7th meeting;

16. *Recalls* that the Santiago network secretariat will commission one independent review of the performance of the Santiago network, including, *inter alia*, 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

⁵ Para. 26 of decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed in decision 11/CP.27.

⁶ Para. 13 of annex I to decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed in decision 11/CP.27.

⁷ SNAB/2025/ISD/06.

International Mechanism, for determining the need for further independent reviews of the performance of the Santiago network;⁸

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

(a) Include activities in the future plan of action of its 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 accessing technical assistance and finance for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

(b) Update, by its 25th meeting, the terms of reference, including with regard to membership, and plan of action of the expert group on action and support in the light of the evolving loss and damage landscape, noting the cross-cutting nature of action and support and ensuring that action and support are systematically considered in the work of the other expert groups, the technical expert group and the task force of the Executive Committee in order to promote synergy and consistency in their work;

(c) Facilitate the work of its expert groups, technical expert group and task force and enhance efforts to engage relevant experts in undertaking the respective plans of action;

(d) Enhance its work on non-economic losses, including through its expert group on non-economic losses and implementation of the second plan of action thereof, 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;

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

(f) Develop knowledge products on existing methodologies and approaches for assessing the economic and non-economic impacts of loss and damage for the purpose of informing the development of context-specific national methodologies and approaches for responding to loss and damage at the national level and supporting developing countries in preparing technical assistance and funding requests;

(g) Strengthen its efforts in fostering the collection and management of data, including gender- and age-disaggregated data, for assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including for the monitoring of trends in the differentiated impacts of both extreme and slow onset events;

(h) Enhance coordination across its expert groups, technical expert group and task force with a view to strengthening synergies in their work;

(i) *Placeholder pending Parties text on voluntary knowledge products*

18. *Acknowledges* the progress of the Executive Committee, 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, and *requests* the ExCom to expedite its work thereon with a view to completing it by no later than at its 25th meeting;

19. *Encourages* the Executive Committee to ensure that the information provided in the guidelines referred to in paragraph 18 above is relevant to Parties in their preparation of biennial transparency reports and with a view to making the process of preparing biennial transparency reports more accessible and less burdensome, taking into account national contexts and circumstances;

20. *Placeholder pending Parties text on outcomes of the global stocktake*

21. *Decides* to prepare a regular report, with a multi-year frequency to be decided by Parties at the sessions of the COP and the CMA immediately following the publication of the

⁸ Para. 20 of annex I to decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed in decision 11/CP.27.

first report, taking into consideration Parties' views, including on the value added of the report, for the purpose of synthesizing information from Parties and other stakeholders 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:

- (a) Providing regular, concrete information on scientific, policy, financial and technical work in the global response to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage;
- (b) Establishing a comprehensive source of information on loss and damage under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
- (c) Showcasing case studies, best practices, practical and pragmatic lessons learned, innovative solutions, projections of risk, scenarios and solutions on risk analysis by capturing occurrences, typologies and costs of loss and damage at the national level in all regions and across all types of climate-related hazards;
- (d) Showcasing national- and community-level experience and promoting understanding of ways of integrating cross-cutting vulnerability analyses, taking into consideration the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement,⁹ into efforts in averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

22. *Also decides* that the report should be informed by, *inter alia*:

- (a) Information provided by Parties, including through voluntary submissions, related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in relevant national policies, plans, strategies and frameworks, particularly loss and damage response plans, including multi-hazard disaster risk reduction strategies, as well as in their biennial transparency reports, nationally determined contributions and national adaptation plans;
- (b) Best available science, including inputs and information from the IPCC relating to loss and damage;
- (c) Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and the knowledge systems of local communities;
- (d) Reports and publications from members of the Santiago network designated as organizations, bodies, networks and experts;
- (e) Joint annual reports of the Executive Committee and Santiago network;
- (f) Knowledge products of the Executive Committee and the Santiago network;
- (g) Synthesis reports prepared by the secretariat on information on loss and damage provided by Parties in their BTRs;
- (h) Reports of the Standing Committee on Finance submitted to the COP and the CMA;
- (i) Annual reports of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage
- (j) Relevant documents prepared at the regional level;

23. *Requests* the Santiago network Advisory Board, in consultation with the ExCom, to prepare, no later than at the 7th meeting of the SNAB, terms of reference, including the modalities, budget, timeline and engagement and involvement of organizations, bodies, networks and experts, for developing a report by the Santiago network's member organizations, bodies, networks and experts;

⁹ Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity.

24. *Also requests* the Advisory Board and the organizations, bodies, networks and experts engaged in preparing the report referred to in paragraph 23 above to present a draft of the report to Parties through an appropriate event to be held at the sessions of the subsidiary bodies prior to its finalization and publication;

II. Enhancing complementarity and coordination

25. *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;

26. *Encourages* the Executive Committee and the Santiago network, in collaboration with 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;

(b) Enhancing collaboration between the secretariat, secretariats of the Santiago network and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, including through regular meetings;

(c) Considering holding back-to-back meetings of the bodies, particularly for meetings of the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board, taking into consideration the value this would add and the budgetary implications thereof;

(d) Considering identifying ways to enhance coordination and promote best practices among national contact points, liaisons and national focal points and/or authorities;

27. *Also encourages* the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board to collaborate in the development of each other's knowledge products and technical products;

28. *Requests* the Executive Committee, including through its expert groups, technical expert group and task force, 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, including those engaged in disaster risk reduction and the humanitarian system, drawing on the best available information and expertise relevant to their work, including by forming partnerships for collaborative work;

III. Enhancing accessibility and outreach

29. *Recognizes* the need to enhance the relevance, usefulness and dissemination of the outputs under 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;

30. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Executive Committee and its expert groups, technical expert group and task force 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;

31. *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;

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

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

34. *Requests* the Executive Committee, the Santiago network secretariat and members of the Santiago network designated as organizations, bodies, networks and experts to enhance the meaningful involvement of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and local governments, women, youth and children, and displaced populations in the development and dissemination of knowledge products;

35. *Also 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, national liaisons to the Santiago network, and national authority or national focal points for the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage to promote synergies in their work;

(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;

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

36. *Further requests* the UNFCCC secretariat and the Santiago network secretariat to, as appropriate, make information on the loss and damage contact points and liaisons and other information referred to in paragraph 33 above available on the relevant web pages, for example, including through hyperlinks to the relevant information;

IV. Enhancing finance and other support

37. *Welcomes* the pledge of 1 million Swiss francs to the Santiago network by Switzerland that is in addition to the 2 million Swiss francs already made and the support package provided for hosting its secretariat, acknowledging the importance of financial contributions for the implementation of the WIM including for the work of the ExCom and for operationalizing the Santiago network;

38. *Recalls* paragraph 19 of decision 1/CMA.6, acknowledging 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;

39. *Recalls* the paragraphs of decisions 2/CMA.2, 1/CMA.3 and 12/CMA.4, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27, relevant to the continued and enhanced implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism in the light of the need for enhanced action and support recognized in paragraph 38 above, including for finance, technology and capacity-building, as appropriate;

40. *Requests* the Advisory Board to oversee the work of the Santiago network secretariat to expedite the operationalization of its resource mobilization strategy, including the timely implementation of the approaches contained in the strategy for 2026–2028;¹⁰

¹⁰ https://assets.santiago-network.org/Common/Documents/SNAB5/FINAL-ADOPTED-SNAB_2025_05_08_Rev.1-Santiago-network-resource-mobilization-strategy-2026-2028.pdf

41. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs x–y above;¹¹

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

¹¹ To be completed at a later stage.