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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

Operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4

I am pleased to convey this message to Parties and observer States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, in relation to the operationalization of the new funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, which is one of the major achievements of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the fifth session of the Conference of Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) in the United Arab Emirates. In accordance with the decisions adopted,¹ Parties are invited, through their regional groups and constituencies, to submit nominations of representatives for membership of the Board of the Fund to the UNFCCC secretariat as soon as possible.

The Board of the Fund will comprise 26 members, as follows:

- a. 12 members from developed countries;
- b. 3 members from Asia-Pacific States;
- c. 3 members from African States;
- d. 3 members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
- e. 2 members from small island developing States;
- f. 2 members from the least developed countries;
- g. 1 member from a developing country not included in the regional groups and constituencies referred to in (b) to (f) above.

Each Board member will have an alternate member. The alternate member for the seat on the Board of the Fund listed in (g) above will rotate among the developing country Parties in the regional groups and constituencies listed in (b) to (f) above.

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¹ FCCC/CP/2023/L.1–FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/L.1.



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The President of COP 28 at the opening plenary of the COP encouraged Parties to nominate members and alternate members of the Board of the Fund so that the Board can become operational and serve the developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

Parties are also informed that the UNFCCC secretariat has been requested to initiate arrangements for convening the first meeting of the Board of the Fund once all voting member nominations have been submitted, but no later than **31 January 2024**. To advance the preparation of the first meeting of the Board of the Fund, regional groups and constituencies are encouraged to submit their nominations by **Saturday, 9 December 2023** via email to L&Dfinance@unfccc.int. Nominations should include up-to-date contact information of nominees.

Yours sincerely,

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