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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairs

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their fifty-ninth sessions, having considered the 2023 report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts,¹ recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the appropriate body or bodies at their sessions held in November–December 2023:

Draft decision [-/CP.28] [-/CMA.5]²

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

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

Recalling the Paris Agreement and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

¹ FCCC/SB/2023/4 and Add.1–2.

² Pending the outcome of the Presidency consultations on the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts. Nothing in this document prejudices Parties' views or prejudices outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism.



1. *Welcomes* the 2023 report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts³ and *endorses* the recommendations in the report;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups (three expert groups, a technical expert group and a task force), to date, including their progress in advancing the development of technical guides⁴ informed by the best available science, and the efforts of the Executive Committee to organize activities to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Warsaw International Mechanism;
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the organizations, experts and relevant stakeholders that contributed to the work reported in the document referred to in paragraph 1 above, including in relation to:
 - (a) The achievements of the thematic expert groups of the Executive Committee;
 - (b) The submission of information pursuant to paragraph 44 of decision 2/CMA.2, which is noted in decision 2/CP.25, relevant to the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
 - (c) Activities related to the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Warsaw International Mechanism, such as the submission of photographs for the photography exhibition;⁵
4. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Government of the Philippines for hosting the 18th meeting of the Executive Committee and *invites* other Parties to offer to host future meetings of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to broadening the range of stakeholders involved, and facilitating active engagement of Parties, in the work of the Committee across regions;
5. *Encourages* relevant organizations and experts to continue to contribute as referred to in paragraph 3(a–b) above;
6. *Also encourages* the Executive Committee to continue to strengthen dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies with relevant bodies and organizations under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
7. *Requests* the Executive Committee, in implementing its functions,⁶ to:
 - (a) Consider ways to collaborate with the entities that form part of the funding arrangements, including a fund, established in paragraphs 2–3 of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4,⁷ and to report on the outcomes of that consideration in its annual reports;
 - (b) Engage actively in the work under the Santiago network and collaborate with the Advisory Board of the Santiago network through the representation of the Executive Committee on the Board as provided for in decision 12/CMA.4 and endorsed in decision 11/CP.27;

³ FCCC/SB/2023/4 and Add.1–2.

⁴ In accordance with para. 26 of decision 2/CMA.2, which is noted in decision 2/CP.25.

⁵ Under activity 1 of the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee, contained in annex I to document FCCC/SB/2022/2/Add.2. Information on the photography exhibition is available at <https://unfccc.int/wim-excom/L-and-D-in-focus>.

⁶ As set out in decision 2/CP.19, para. 5.

⁷ For reference to the engagement of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism in the annual high-level dialogue on coordination and complementarity under the funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage, see annex II to decision -/CP.28 (draft decision entitled “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” proposed under agenda item 8(g) of the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session), and annex II to decision -/CMA.5 (draft decision entitled “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” proposed under agenda item 10(g) of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fifth session).

(c) Promote the use of the technical guides and knowledge products developed by the Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups, at the regional and national level, including for undertaking activities under the Santiago network and during dedicated virtual meetings, as appropriate;

(d) Consider translating, as appropriate, relevant outputs of the work of the Executive Committee and its expert groups into all official United Nations languages so as to maximize their added value and promote their dissemination;

(e) Continue to develop, as appropriate and in collaboration with its thematic expert groups, technical guides on relevant topics under all the strategic workstreams of its five-year rolling workplan;⁸

8. *Placeholder to include an outcome of the COP President's consultations on the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism;*

9. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 1 and 7(a) above⁷ above;

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

⁸ Contained in annex I to document FCCC/SB/2022/2/Add.2.