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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairs

1. In accordance with decision 4/CP.22, paragraph 2(d), the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) finalized the terms of reference for the 2019 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.
2. The SBI and the SBSTA agreed to undertake the review at SB 51 (December 2019) based on the terms of reference contained in the annex and forward the output of the review to the appropriate body or bodies.¹
3. The SBI and the SBSTA invited Parties and other stakeholders to submit via the submission portal² by 16 October their views on the review of the Warsaw International Mechanism on the basis of the terms of reference for consideration at SB 51.
4. The SBI and the SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in the annex and requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

¹ Nothing in these conclusions or terms of reference prejudices Parties' views or prejudices outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism.

² <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.



Annex

Terms of reference for the 2019 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

[English only]*

I. Mandate

1. Decision 4/CP.22 provides recommendations regarding the review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

II. Objective

2. By the same decision, the 2019 review will consider, inter alia, progress on the implementation of the workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as well as its long-term vision that guides ways in which the Warsaw International Mechanism may be enhanced and strengthened, as appropriate.

III. Scope

3. Parties will review the Warsaw International Mechanism since its establishment in 2013, taking into account those segments of the population that are already vulnerable in accordance with decision 3/CP.18, paragraph 7(a)(iii).¹

4. The review will focus on, inter alia:

(a) The performance of the Warsaw International Mechanism and its functions as set out in decision 2/CP.19 and how it continues to promote the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

(b) The structure of the Warsaw International Mechanism;

(c) The usefulness and use of the outputs of the Warsaw International Mechanism, including for developing country Parties;

(d) Collaboration, coherence and partnerships with bodies, entities and work programmes, and with relevant stakeholders within and outside the Convention;

(e) The progress on the implementation of the workplan of the Executive Committee;

(f) The response of the Warsaw International Mechanism to relevant decisions and the Paris Agreement.²

5. In their assessment, Parties will consider:

(a) The effectiveness and efficiency of the Warsaw International Mechanism, including timeliness, relevance, usefulness, visibility, coherence, complementarity, comprehensiveness, responsiveness and resourcing;

(b) Barriers and gaps, challenges and opportunities, and lessons learned.

* This annex will be made available in all six official languages in the report on the session.

¹ The approach taken for the 2019 review does not prejudice the approach taken for future reviews.

² Inclusion of references to the Paris Agreement in the terms of reference does not prejudice the outcome of the consideration on the matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism.

IV. Inputs and sources of information

6. Being guided by the best available science, the inputs to the review are as follows:
 - (a) The technical paper on sources of and modalities for accessing financial support, as provided through and outside the Financial Mechanism, for addressing loss and damage,³ as referred to in paragraph 2(f) of decision 4/CP.22;
 - (b) The annual reports of and outputs by the Executive Committee and the reports of its substructures;⁴
 - (c) Views relevant to the Warsaw International Mechanism submitted by Parties referred to in paragraph 3 of this document and previous submissions on the review of the Warsaw International Mechanism;
 - (d) The workplan of the Executive Committee;
 - (e) Relevant decisions and the Paris Agreement.
7. Sources of information for the review may include:
 - (a) Relevant scientific and technical reports of national, regional and international organizations;
 - (b) Relevant national and regional strategies, plans and reports;
 - (c) Relevant outputs of constituted bodies and from events organized under the UNFCCC process;
 - (d) Views relevant to the Warsaw International Mechanism submitted by other stakeholders.

V. Modalities

8. The modalities to be used in conducting the review are:
 - (a) The calls for the submissions referred to in paragraph 6(c) above;
 - (b) An event to be held in conjunction with the fifty-first sessions of the subsidiary bodies (December 2019) and organized by the secretariat under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies;
 - (c) The undertaking of the review by the subsidiary bodies, which will be informed by, inter alia, the above-mentioned event.

VI. Expected output

9. On the basis of the assessment of progress undertaken in accordance with paragraphs 1–8 above, a draft decision will be prepared at SB 51, including a set of recommendations that respond to the objective of the review as referred to in paragraph 2 above.

³ FCCC/TP/2019/1.

⁴ Expert groups, subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups and task-focused ad hoc working groups.