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The Conference of the Parties,

[Recalling decisions 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.10, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 19/CP.21, 16/CP.24, 7/CP.25, 15/CP.26, 9/CP.27, 10/CP.27, 15/CP.29, 15/CP.30, 11/CMA.1, 19/CMA.1, 1/CMA.5, 1/CMA.6 and 12/CMA.7],

Recognizing the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

[Recognizing the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances,]

Having considered the report on the 49th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group[1] and the synthesis report by the secretariat on the progress of the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group,[2]

Recognizing the evolving nature of the adaptation architecture under the Convention and the Paris Agreement,

1. *Welcomes* the progress of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group in implementing its work programme for 2026–2027[3] under its current mandate[4] and *expresses appreciation* for its sustained contribution to advancing adaptation efforts in the least developed countries;

2. *Recognizes* that the current mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group is comprehensive, well structured and fundamentally fit for purpose, covering the provision of technical guidance and capacity-building to the least developed countries for formulating and implementing national adaptation plans, and support to them for accessing adaptation finance, collaboration with other UNFCCC constituted bodies, partners and organizations, the development of knowledge products, and adaptation reporting;

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Option 1: Reaffirms the primary obligation of developed country Parties to provide scaled-up, adequate, predictable, and grant-based financial support for adaptation in developing countries, consistent with the Convention;

Option 2: No text

4. *Notes* the broad range of challenges faced by the least developed countries in formulating and implementing national adaptation plans, including limited technical capacity to undertake the process and gaps in relevant monitoring and evaluation systems, limited access to scientific information and risk assessment knowledge on climate adaptation, and challenges in translating national adaptation plans into implementable actions, and *also notes*

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[1] FCCC/SBI/2026/8.
[2] FCCC/SBI/2026/11.
[3] Contained in document FCCC/SBI/2026/8, annex II.
[4] See document FCCC/SBI/2026/11, annex.

the importance of addressing these challenges in a holistic manner in order to facilitate the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans;

5. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to further strengthen its provision of technical guidance and support to the least developed countries by prioritizing assistance for:

(a) Implementing national adaptation plans, supporting the least developed countries in moving beyond the implementation of individual projects towards a coherent, programmatic and portfolio-based approach involving the development of implementation-ready adaptation project proposals and adaptation implementation pipelines;

(b) Navigating evolving climate finance arrangements, [in line with the principle of CBDR-RC,] to strengthen the access of the least developed countries to adaptation finance, strengthening national arrangements for channelling finance to subregional level and undertaking feasibility studies for project proposals and preparing adaptation projects for accessing finance;

(c) Providing, upon request, technical support to LDCs, in integrating the [voluntary] targets of the UAE framework for the global climate resilience and the voluntary Belem indicators in their nationally driven adaptation planning processes, while respecting the country driven nature of national adaptation plans and avoiding additional reporting burdens.

(d) Using climate information services and applying frontier technologies, as appropriate, including artificial intelligence and remote sensing, for strengthening the design, implementation and monitoring of adaptation action;

(e) Generating, synthesizing and communicating evidence on adaptation from national adaptation plans, biennial transparency reports and other national processes;

6. *Appreciates* the commitment of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to integrating gender-responsive approaches across its work and *encourages* continued efforts of the Group in this regard, including in support of the implementation of the Belém gender action plan for 2026–2034[5] and taking into account paragraphs 10(b) and 13 of decision 2/CMA.5;

7. *[Decides* to establish and operationalize a national adaptation plan implementation platform, which shall, inter alia, facilitate the development of pipelines of implementable adaptation projects, improve the access of the least developed countries to finance for implementation-ready adaptation projects and programmes from the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the Adaptation Fund and other relevant sources and enhance access to readiness support for implementing the work programme of the least developed countries;]

8. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to prepare a synthesis of adaptation priorities identified in the national adaptation plans of the least developed countries, through a programmatic lens, as well as providing information on implementation arrangements, identifying existing support and opportunities for implementation of national adaptation plans;

9. [Request the LEG, building on the synthesis referred to in para 8 above and taking into account the needs and priorities identified under para 5 (a), to explore and identify the most effective approaches for improving access of the LDCs to adaptation finance and enhancing access to readiness support for implementation of the work programme of the LEG, taking into account existing support arrangements initiatives and mechanisms, and avoiding duplications of efforts.]

10. *[Encourages* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to continue providing targeted support to individual least developed countries on an ongoing basis, particularly to those that have not yet submitted national adaptation plans, and to engage directly with the least developed countries, including through its roster of experts, to assist them in preparing adaptation projects, undertaking feasibility studies for adaptation project proposals and

[5] Decision 7/CP.30, annex.

building national capacity for implementing adaptation action in a sustained and country-driven manner;]

11. *Also encourages* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to continue holding NAP Expos in conjunction with UNFCCC climate weeks, wherever appropriate, to facilitate accessibility to a broad range of stakeholders;

12. *Further encourages* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to enhance its provision of scientific information and climate risk assessment knowledge on climate adaptation, drawing on its roster of experts, peer learning platforms such as NAP Expos, and resources from universities in the least developed countries, as well as practical tools such as the NAP AI Studio,[6] with a view to supporting the formulation and implementation of national adaptation plans and reducing the burden of this process on the least developed countries;

13. *Invites* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to further strengthen its collaboration with the Adaptation Committee, the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building and other constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as well as with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism and the Adaptation Fund, and to explore opportunities for collaboration with new partners, including initiatives, research communities, networks and regional platforms, that can support the implementation of its mandate;

14. *[Recalls* the request for the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to compile from relevant reports, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee and the Standing Committee on Finance, an overview of climate finance flows and financial support provided by developed country Parties to developing country Parties for formulating and implementing national adaptation plans for inclusion in the 2026 report on progress in the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans to be prepared for consideration at the sixty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (November 2026);[7]]

15. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to continue efforts to enhance the accessibility and transparency of its meetings and information;

16. *Invites* Parties and relevant organizations to continue providing financial and technical resources for supporting the implementation of the work programme referred to in paragraph 1 above;

17. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs [8, 10 and 12] above;

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

Decision -/CMA.8

Matters relating to the least developed countries

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

Recalling decisions 11/CMA.1, 19/CMA.1, 1/CMA.5, 1/CMA.6 and 12/CMA.7, 5/CP.7, 29/CP.7, 7/CP.9, 4/CP.10, 4/CP.11, 8/CP.13, 6/CP.16, 5/CP.17, 12/CP.18, 3/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 19/CP.21, 16/CP.24, 7/CP.25, 15/CP.26, 9/CP.27, 10/CP.27, 15/CP.29, 15/CP.30,

[6] As referred to in document FCCC/SBI/2026/8, para. 25(a).

[7] Decision 8/CP.30, para. 12.

Recognizing the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

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2. *Recognizes* that the current mandate of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group is comprehensive, well structured and fundamentally fit for purpose, covering the provision of technical guidance and capacity-building to the least developed countries for formulating and implementing national adaptation plans, and support to them for accessing adaptation finance, collaboration with other UNFCCC constituted bodies, partners and organizations, the development of knowledge products, and adaptation reporting;

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5. *Requests* the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to further strengthen its provision of technical guidance and support to the least developed countries by prioritizing assistance for:

(a) Implementing national adaptation plans, supporting the least developed countries in moving beyond the implementation of individual projects towards a coherent, programmatic and portfolio-based approach involving the development of implementation-ready adaptation project proposals and adaptation implementation pipelines;

(b) Navigating evolving climate finance arrangements, [in line with the principle of CBDR-RC,] including the new collective quantified goal on climate finance,[5] in order to strengthen the access of the least developed countries to adaptation finance, strengthening national arrangements for channelling finance to subregional level and undertaking feasibility studies for project proposals and preparing adaptation projects for accessing finance;

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[5] See decision 1/CMA.6.

Belem indicators in their nationally driven adaptation planning processes, while respecting the country driven nature of national adaptation plans and avoiding additional reporting burdens.

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[6] Decision 7/CP.30, annex.

[7] As referred to in document FCCC/SBI/2026/8, para. 25(a).

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