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The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, having continued consideration of this matter, agreed to forward the matter to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its thirty-first session on the basis of the draft text prepared by the co-facilitators for this agenda item at this session.[1]

[1] Available at [link].

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 36/CP.7, 1/CP.16, 23/CP.18, 18/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 21/CP.22, 3/CP.23, 3/CP.25, 20/CP.26, 24/CP.27, 15/CP.28, 7/CP.29 and 7/CP.30,

1. *[Welcomes] [Takes note* of*]* the synthesis report by the secretariat on experience in implementing gender-responsive financial instruments and methodologies, and available capacity-building in this regard,[2] and [*notes] [acknowledges]* its contribution to enhancing understanding of the wide-ranging experience, pathways and approaches of Parties and relevant organizations in this regard;

2. *Welcomes* the 2026 report by the secretariat on gender composition,[3] which indicates that there was some advancement in the representation of all women in Party delegations and UNFCCC constituted bodies, including among those having received funding through the trust fund for participation in the UNFCCC process for in-person participation in United Nations climate change conferences, at both the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Belém and the sixty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, but that additional efforts are needed to [improve] [ensure] the [full, meaningful, equal and safe] participation of all women in Party delegations [and constituted bodies, including in leadership positions,] and to achieve the goal of gender balance in bodies established under the Convention;[4]

3. *Encourages* Parties and observers to respond to the calls for submissions under the Belém gender action plan for 2026–2034,[5] including with respect to best practices for ensuring full, meaningful and equal participation and leadership of all women, as well as gender balance at the national level, including relevant political and technical positions in ministries, in delegations and elected positions under the UNFCCC, and *notes* that those best practices are to inform future gender composition reports;[6]

4. *Welcomes* the report by the secretariat on the in-session workshop on best practices and tools for strengthening the role of national gender and climate change focal points[7] and *invites* Parties, including through their UNFCCC national focal points, to take into consideration the best practices identified in the report when appointing national gender and climate change focal points and [*also invites* Parties, in particular developed country Parties,] to enhance their provision of support to such focal points[, including through sustained institutional, technical and financial support,] [recognizing the crucial role of the focal points in ensuring that gender considerations are mainstreamed in national policies, plans, strategies and actions];

5. *Welcomes* the work undertaken in the first year of implementation of the Belém gender action plan and *expresses appreciation* to Parties and relevant organizations, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, for their contributions to the expert dialogue on relevant issues in gender- and age-disaggregated data and gender analysis that took place at the sixty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies,[8] which may inform the work in relation to other relevant deliverables under the Belém gender action plan, including (1) upcoming submissions aimed at expanding the evidence base on gender and climate change[9] [including through the collection and use of gender- and age-disaggregated data, as applicable, to inform the design, implementation, and monitoring of gender-responsive climate policies, programmes, and projects,] [with appropriate support to developing country Parties to conduct such efforts,] and (2) the first global dialogue on gender and environment

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[2] FCCC/CP/2026/6.
[3] FCCC/CP/2026/4.
[4] As per decision 18/CP.20, para. 2.
[5] Decision 7/CP.30, annex.
[6] As per decision 7/CP.30, annex, table 5, deliverable E.1.3.
[7] FCCC/CP/2026/3.
[8] As per decision 7/CP.30, annex, table 4, deliverable D.5.2. The agenda and webcast are available at https://unfccc.int/event/expert-dialogue-on-relevant-issues-in-gender-and-age-disaggregated-data-and-gender-analysis.
[9] See decision 7/CP.30, annex, table 1, deliverables A.3.5 and A.3.9.

data, to take place at the thirty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2027);[10]

6. *Also expresses appreciation* to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, relevant organizations and national gender and climate change focal points for their participation in the first annual interactive dialogue on progress in the delivery of gender-responsive climate finance, held at the sixty-fourth sessions of the subsidiary bodies,[11] [and] [*encourages] [invites]* those entities and organizations, as well as relevant multilateral development banks, private sector and philanthropic financial institutions, and constituted bodies, to engage constructively in such annual dialogues and the implementation of all other relevant deliverables under the Belém gender action plan[12] [and *invites* the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to strengthen the capacity and role of national gender and climate change focal points in relation to the design and monitoring of climate finance];

7. [*Invites* the secretariat to ensure that the 2027 edition of the annual dialogue referred to in paragraph 6 above considers barriers faced by women in remote, pastoral and mountainous areas in accessing gender-responsive climate finance;]

8. *Expresses appreciation* to Parties, United Nations entities, constituted bodies, representatives of UNFCCC work programmes, implementing entities, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other relevant stakeholders for their efforts in implementing the Belém gender action plan and *invites* them to enhance those efforts;

9. *Welcomes* the adoption of arrangements for temporary replacement[13] or parental leave by two constituted bodies[14] and *encourages* all constituted bodies to consider such good practice for how to accommodate the temporary absence of members from service due to parental obligations;

10. *Takes note* of the report by the Executive Secretary on how cases of harassment that are reported to the secretariat at United Nations climate change conferences and events are addressed[15] [and] [,] *recalls* relevant related provisions under the Belém gender action plan[16] [and *calls on* the Executive Secretary to include more substantial information in the next such report, including on how cases have been addressed, if possible, and to include gender- and age-disaggregated data relating to the reported cases, where available, while maintaining the confidentiality of complaints.]

11. *[Recognizes the continued need for* scaled-up support for developing country Parties to implement the enhanced Lima work programme on gender and the Belém gender action plan as well as the need for the provision of support to national gender and climate change focal points in particular, considering their central role in implementing the Belém gender action plan] [, and the need for direct and locally accessible financing approaches that respond to the priorities of women and girls, including those in women-led and community-based organizations].]

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[10] See decision 7/CP.30, annex, table 4, deliverable D.7.2.

[11] As per decision 7/CP.30, annex, table 4, deliverable D.4.3. The agenda and webcast are available at https://unfccc.int/event/dialogue-on-progress-in-the-delivery-of-gender-responsive-climate-finance.

[12] Decision 7/CP.30, annex, table 4, deliverables D.3.1, D.3.2, D.4.1 and D.4.4.

[13] See the rules of procedure of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee, contained in the annex to decision 24/CMA.4.

[14] See the rules of procedure of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, contained in the annex to decisions 10/CP.27 and 11/CMA.4.

[15] Prepared pursuant to decision 7/CP.30, annex, table 2, deliverable B.3.3; available at https://unfccc.int/about-us/code-of-conduct-for-unfccc-conferences-meetings-and-events.

[16] Decision 7/CP.30, annex, table 2, in particular activities B.3 and B.4.