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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 sixty-fifth sessions, recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-first session:

Draft decision -/CP.31

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The Conference of the Parties,[1]

[1] Nothing in this decision prejudices Parties' views or prejudges outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

1. *Endorses* decision -/CMA.8,[2] on the joint annual report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change for 2026, which provides as follows:

"1. *Notes* the joint annual report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change for 2026 [3] and *acknowledges* the efforts made in preparing it;

"2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the progress of the Executive Committee in implementing its rolling workplan for 2023–2027,[4] including:

(a) Endorsing the strategy for strengthening the integration of gender-responsive approaches into its activities;[5]

(b) Endorsing the technical guide on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility;

(c) Adopting the second rolling plan of action[6] and the terms of reference[7] of its expert group on action and support;

"3. *Also takes note with appreciation* of the progress of the Advisory Board and the secretariat of the Santiago network in operationalizing the network, including by:

(a) Continuing to develop the Santiago network gender and inclusion action plan;

(b) Adopting the terms of reference[8] for the preparation of the regular report referred to in paragraph 20 of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30;

(c) Growing the network's membership, from 62 members as at 4 September 2025 to 427 as at 1 October 2026;

"4. *Recognizes* that, out of the more than 40 requests in the Santiago network's pipeline of technical assistance as at 1 October 2026, only 4 were under implementation and only 1 was in closure, noting the crucial need to ensure that such requests from all geographical regions are addressed in a timely manner by accelerating the delivery of assistance;

"5. *Expresses appreciation* to the organizations, constituted bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and other stakeholders that have contributed to the implementation of the rolling workplan of the Executive Committee for 2023–2027, including through its thematic expert groups, and to the organizations, bodies, networks and experts that have become or expressed interest in becoming members of the Santiago network;

[2] Draft decision entitled "Joint annual report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change" proposed under agenda item 10 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session.

[3] FCCC/SB/2026/3 and Add.1–3.

[4] Contained in document FCCC/SB/2022/2/Add.2, annex I.

[5] Contained in document FCCC/SB/2026/3/Add.1, annex IV.

[6] Contained in document FCCC/SB/2026/3/Add.1, annex II.

[7] Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/267140.

[8] Available at https://storage.googleapis.com/unops-cpit-santiago-prod-assets/documents/Other-documentsassets/SNAB7/SNAB20260710_ToR-for-the-regular-report-on-loss-and-damage_FINAL.pdf.

"6. *Also expresses appreciation* to the Governments of Marshall Islands and Japan for hosting the 25th meeting of the Executive Committee and the 7th meeting of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network respectively;

"7. *Notes with appreciation* the Executive Committee's finalization and endorsement of the voluntary guidelines for enhancing the collection and management of data and information relevant to loss and damage to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports,[9] recognizing that the guidelines are to be applied on a voluntary basis and are non-prescriptive and that developing country Parties' access to technical assistance and finance for responding to loss and damage is not contingent on the inclusion of data and information on loss and damage in their biennial transparency reports;

"8. *Encourages* relevant organizations to support interested developing country Parties in enhancing the collection and management of data and information relevant to loss and damage, including through national data systems, climate-related early warning systems, and institutional mechanisms;

"9. *Reaffirms* that the mandate of the Santiago network is to catalyse the technical assistance of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts for the implementation of approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change at the local, national and regional level in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to such adverse effects,[10] and that this mandate applies in the case of all such countries;

"10. *Encourages* the Santiago network to continue catalysing demand-driven technical assistance in developing countries from all geographical regions in line with the functions of the Santiago network;

"11. *Requests* the Advisory Board of the Santiago network to:

(a) Adopt, no later than at its 8th meeting, the proposal for determining a minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network directed to communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change,[11] together with a way of determining whether the percentage has been applied in the delivery of technical assistance;

(b) Ensure**,** no later than at its 8th meeting, that information on the timelines for each stage of work in responding to requests for technical assistance as included in the current guidelines for catalysing technical assistance[12] is made available on the Santiago network website;

(c) Monitor, through the Santiago network results framework [13] and the monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning framework, [14] progress in implementing the simplified modality for access to technical assistance by communities that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

(d) Provide information to Parties through briefings or other modalities with respect to the steps taken to select the entity that will lead the preparation of the regular report referred to in paragraph 3(b) above;

(e) Increase its efforts in developing its gender and inclusion action plan;

(f) Ensure that the independent review of the performance of the Santiago network is concluded well in advance of the thirty-third session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2028) and takes into account, inter alia, paragraph 20 of annex I to decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27;

[9] FCCC/SB/2026/3/Add.3.

[10] Decision 2/CMA.2, para. 43. That decision was noted in decision 2/CP.25.

[11] See decision 22/CMA.7, para. 15. That decision was endorsed in decision 11/CP.30.

[12] See https://santiago-network.org/pages/seventh-meeting-of-the-santiago-network-advisory-board.

[13] See https://santiago-network.org/documents/santiago-network-annual-report-2025-3.

[14] See https://santiago-network.org/documents/monitoring-evaluation-accountability-and-learning-meal-framework.

(g) Ensure that the regular report referred to in paragraph 3(b) above includes the information and draws on the information sources referred to in paragraphs 20–21 of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30;

"12. *Also requests* the Santiago network secretariat to:

(a) Include in its annual reports to the governing body or bodies information on:

(i) The implementation of the Santiago network resource mobilization strategy for 2026–2028;[15]

(ii) The time taken from receipt of a request for technical assistance under the network to the start of the implementation of the response and the reasons for any delays from the secretariat's and the proponent's side in relation to the timelines referred to in paragraph 11(b) above;

(iii) The application of the levels of minimum percentage referred to in paragraph 11(a) above;

(iv) The progress of implementation of the simplified modality for accessing technical assistance under the network referred to in paragraph 11(c) above;

(b) Promote the use and application of guidelines and procedures for enabling developing countries to prepare requests for technical assistance, recognizing the significant capacity constraints of the least developed countries and small island developing States, as per paragraph 27 of decision 6/CMA.5, endorsed by decision 2/CP.28;

"13. *Further requests* the Executive Committee to:

(a) Support and strengthen the uptake and application respectively of its technical guides by developing countries, as appropriate;

(b) Make use of qualitative, participatory and community-based approaches to assessing non-economic loss, as appropriate, in developing knowledge products on existing methodologies and approaches for assessing economic and non-economic loss and damage;[16]

(c) Develop its third five-year rolling workplan (envisioned for implementation for 2028–2032), taking into account the mandated activities referred to in decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30, with the aim of, inter alia, enhancing the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism;

"14. *Invites* Parties, and observers and other stakeholders to submit views on issues that could inform the Executive Committee's development of the rolling workplan referred to in paragraph 13(c) above via the submission portal[17] by 28 February 2027;

"15. *Encourages* developing country Parties to make use, as appropriate, of the technical guides prepared by the Executive Committee,[18] recognizing that they are non-prescriptive and applied voluntarily;

"16. *Stresses* the urgent need for, and importance of, enhancing collaboration on and complementarity, coordination and coherence of work under the Executive Committee, the Santiago network and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, through:

[15] See https://santiago-network.org/documents/santiago-network-resource-mobilization-strategy-2026-2028.

[16] See decision 22/CMA.7, para. 17(f). That decision was endorsed by decision 11/CP.30.

[17] https://submissions.unfccc.int/.

[18] Available at https://unfccc.int/wim-excom#Knowledge-products.

(a) Exploring opportunities for their coordination, within their respective mandates, including through the activities referred to in paragraph 25 of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30;

(b) Conducting joint outreach activities to relevant stakeholders at the national level;

(c) Enhancing collaboration with other funds and entities under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

"17. *Notes with regret* the impact of the withdrawal of pledges on the resources available for the Santiago network and *urges* the rapid and timely fulfilment of pledges of financing for the Santiago network;

"18. *Reiterates* paragraphs 30–36 of decision 2/CMA.2, which was noted in decision 2/CP.25, and paragraphs 37–38 of decision 22/CMA.7, which was endorsed in decision 11/CP.30;

"19. *Recalls* paragraphs 61–74 of decision 1/CMA.3;

"20. *Stresses* the importance of the timely implementation of the Santiago network resource mobilization strategy and *requests* the Advisory Board to include in the annual report of the Santiago network to the governing bodies information on such implementation and on the in-kind and other support provided by the host entities to the Santiago network secretariat;[19]

"21. *Encourages* United Nations agencies and international organizations to align their loss and damage initiatives with, and provide dedicated support for the implementation of, the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism, including its Executive Committee and the Santiago network, and the work under the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage;

"22. *Notes* that considerations related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism will continue at its ninth session (November 2027);[20]

"23. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 13 above;

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

2. *Notes* that considerations related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism will continue at its thirty-second session (November 2027).[21]

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[19] This paragraph does not prejudge and reopen the issue of the location of the head office of the secretariat or the hosting arrangements.

[20] It is noted that discussions on the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism did not produce an outcome; this is without prejudice to further consideration of this matter.

[21] See footnote 20 above.