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Climate Change

FINAL Decision -/COP.24

The Conference of the Parties, proposes a Katowice Road Map on Loss and Damage of 14 December 2018.

Katowice Loss and Damage Road Map

The Heads of State, Heads of Government, Ministers, and other heads of the following delegations present at the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2018 in Katowice, Poland:

In pursuit of the ultimate objective of the Framework Convention as stated in Article 2,

Being guided by the principles and provisions of the Convention,

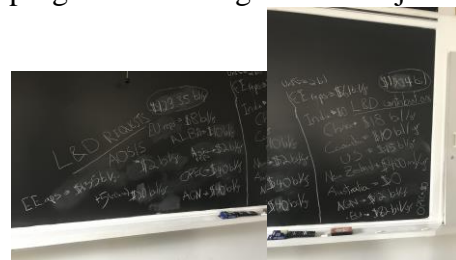
Noting the results of work done in previous COP meetings,

Agree on these points regarding **loss and damage** commitments, outlined in Article 8 of the Paris Agreement, operational immediately.

1. As stated in the Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1992, Article 2, to “stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system”
2. As we stated in the Copenhagen Accord, we again underline that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of contemporary life. Moreover, in accordance with the Copenhagen Accord, we agree that deep cuts in global emissions are required to keep global temperature increases below 2°C according to science, and as documented by the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report with a view to reduce global emissions.
3. In accordance with the Paris Agreement in 2015, “Parties recognize the importance of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including extreme weather events and slow onset events, and the role of sustainable development in reducing the risk of loss and damage.
4. In accordance with the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts of 2013 shall be subject to the authority and guidance of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and may be enhanced and strengthened, as determined by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.

5. In accordance with article 8 of the Paris Agreement, “Parties should enhance understanding, action and support, including through the Warsaw International Mechanism, as appropriate, on a cooperative and facilitative basis with respect to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. Accordingly, areas of cooperation and facilitation to enhance understanding, action and support may include: (a) Early warning systems; (b) Emergency preparedness; (c) Slow onset events; (d) Events that may involve irreversible and permanent loss and damage; (e) Comprehensive risk assessment and management; (f) Risk insurance facilities, climate risk pooling and other insurance solutions; (g) Non-economic losses; (h) Resilience of communities, livelihoods and ecosystems.”
6. Therefore, on the basis of transparency and accountability, and in the context of sustainable development, and in accordance with the Berlin Mandate from 1995 – re-emphasizing our strong political will to urgently combat climate change in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities – we agree to the Katowice Loss and Damage Roadmap with these specific terms:
 - a. A new commitment period for contributions and distributions of loss and damage funds, beginning January 2019 for a period of five years, with regular review*.
 - b. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation will establish the terms of commitments from member nations, following the commitments and requests outlined in detail below⁺.
 - c. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation will develop an ad-hoc committee to determine distribution of funds, as determined through the requests outlined below⁺, with funding beginning January 2019.
 - d. Commitment of \$190.4 billion beginning January 2019 through December 2024 and distributed through Global Partnership for Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance Solutions.
7. We Parties to the ‘Katowice Roadmap’ concur that a comprehensive and low-emission development strategy is indispensable to sustainable development and meaningful confrontation with climate change causes and consequences. Through this document, we express our support of the development and deployment of the loss and damage mechanism that will be guided by a country-driven approach and be based on national circumstances and priorities. To optimally and substantively take action, we call for the implementation of this ‘Katowice Loss and Damage Road Map’ immediately, including in light of the Conventions ultimate objective.

* taking into account economic activity and national level progress towards goals and objectives



+ details of the commitments and requests are found here: