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Dear Ms. Latasi,
Dear Ms. D'Souza,

I would like to thank you for your letter conveying the outcomes of the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, specifically the launching of the implementation of the two-year workplan and the invitation for the LEG to share areas of its work contributing to the objectives of the mechanism.

We are pleased to inform you that the LEG had recently conducted its first meeting under its new mandate term that took place from 15 to 19 March 2016. The meeting was focused on the development of the LEG work programme from 2016 onwards, including a strategy for collaboration with other bodies and programmes under the Convention (which also covered consideration of your request) and relevant organizations. As a first, the group developed the following vision to guide work in supporting adaptation in the LDCs:

Support by the LEG by 2020 of the achievement of demonstrable results in building adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change in the LDCs; formulation of robust and good-quality NAPs and implementation of priority adaptation needs identified therein with funding from the GCF and other sources; and the existence of a well-structured adaptation planning process in the LDCs (FCCC/SBI/2016/7, para. 15)

In line with this vision, the LEG developed its work programme covering a number of activities aimed at advancing the formulation and implementation of NAPs in the LDCs including: technical guidance and support on accessing funding from the Green Climate Fund for NAPs; guidelines and supplements for NAPs; training on NAPs; NAP Expo; NAP Central; case studies; and monitoring and assessment of progress. The work programme also covers support to the national adaptation programme of action and the LDC work programme which remain central to the LDCs; regional approaches to adaptation; gender and vulnerable communities, groups and ecosystems; and collaboration and engagement with partners and other bodies. Furthermore, as one of the overarching approaches to the implementation of its work programme, the LEG also discussed collaboration with other bodies under the Convention and relevant organizations. I invite you to refer to the LEG 29 report (document FCCC/SBI/2016/7) for further details on the planned activities, the two-year rolling work programme for 2016–2017 and further details on collaboration.

We have now actively embarked on the implementation of our work programme and we will provide you updates in due course. Meanwhile I take this opportunity to re-affirm the LEG activities reflected in the preliminary mapping of relevant mandates and current activities included in the workplans of relevant constituted bodies and work programmes under the Convention against the Action



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Areas of the 2-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage.

The LEG looks forward to continued collaboration with the Executive Committee.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by)

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