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Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

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

Recalling the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and the aims of the mechanism referred to therein,

Also recalling decision 3/CMA.3, paragraph 6(c–d), and the request of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement to continue the work relevant to operationalizing the mechanism,

[Further recalling that Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions may be used towards achieving nationally determined contributions and other climate targets, leading to a long-term impact on global greenhouse gas emissions, and that such emission reductions must therefore represent mitigation outcomes that are retained for time frames relevant to addressing climate change and achieving the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement,]

Recalling Article 6, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement,

Also recalling the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement,

Further recalling decisions 3/CMA.3, including its annex, and 7/CMA.4, including its annexes,

Recalling decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraphs 1(g) and 2,

1. *Welcomes* the annual report of the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article¹ 6, paragraph 4, to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement for 2025² and the progress of the work undertaken by the Supervisory Body in 2025 in responding to its mandates;³
2. *Appreciates* the work delivered by the Supervisory Body and its support structure;
3. *Welcomes* the adoption of the first mechanism methodology ‘Landfill gas flaring and utilization’, which highlights how the standards referred to in paragraph 5 below can be applied;
4. *Reiterates* its request to the Supervisory Body to strive to ensure regulatory stability, without prejudice to the continuous improvement of the regulatory documents adopted;⁴
5. *Notes* the establishment of the regulatory and operational framework for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, through the adoption by the Supervisory Body of the following standards, which will enable the development and approval of methodologies for and the registration of Article 6, paragraph 4, activities under the

¹ Articles referred to in this decision are Articles of the Paris Agreement.

² FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/12.

³ See decisions 3/CMA.3, 7/CMA.4, 5/CMA.6 and 6/CMA.6.

⁴ See decisions 6/CMA.6, paragraph 6.

mechanism: “Standard: Setting the baseline in mechanism methodologies”,⁵ “Standard: Demonstration of additionality in mechanism methodologies”,⁶ “Standard: Addressing leakage in mechanism methodologies”,⁷ “Standard: Addressing suppressed demand in mechanism methodologies”⁸ and “Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals in mechanism methodologies”;⁹

6. [Also notes that the Supervisory Body will continue making efforts [to facilitate demand for Article 6, paragraph 4 emission reductions and] to facilitate the participation of Parties and non-Party stakeholders in the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, with a view to ensuring that the mechanism fulfils its potential as a key tool for contributing to the achievement of the goals of the Paris Agreement;]

I. Governance

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Option 1: Revisit the membership terms in 2028

Decides to revisit in 2028 the provisions related to the limits on the terms of members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body¹⁰ with a view to allowing them to serve more than two terms following a mandatory minimum two-year break on completion of the second term rather than being permanently excluded from the Body;

Option 2: Revise the membership with immediate effect with [no] mandatory minimum break

Decides to revise the provisions related to the limits on the terms of members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body¹¹ with a view to allowing them to serve more than two terms [following a mandatory minimum two-year break on completion of the second term rather than being permanently excluded from the Body] and *adopts* the amendments contained in the annex;

Option 3: No text

8. [*Decides* that the terms of members of the Methodological Expert Panel shall be aligned with the membership provisions for the Supervisory Body;]

9. *Notes* [with concern] the current gender imbalance in the membership of the Supervisory Body, *recalls* the importance of ensuring gender-balanced representation therein¹² and [strongly] *encourages* regional groups to consider gender balance when nominating members and alternate members to the Supervisory Body;

10. *Encourages* regional groups to nominate experts for any vacant seats in the Supervisory Body;

11. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to submit its regular annual report [xx in advance of its consideration by][xx after the last meeting of the Supervisory Body before] the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement with a view to allowing Parties sufficient time for review;

12. *Also requests* the secretariat, when preparing the annual report of the Supervisory Body, to include the information on the quantities of Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions forwarded to the Adaptation Fund as the share of proceeds for adaptation and cancelled to deliver overall mitigation of global emissions;

13. *Further requests* the Supervisory Body to ensure that experts serving the Supervisory Body provide independent scientific and technical advice and do not have any financial

⁵ Supervisory Body document A6.4-STAN-METH-004.

⁶ Supervisory Body document A6.4-STAN-METH-003.

⁷ Supervisory Body document A6.4-STAN-METH-005.

⁸ Supervisory Body document A6.4-STAN-METH-006.

⁹ Supervisory Body document A6.4-STAN-METH-007.

¹⁰ See decision 7/CMA.4, annex II, para. 17.

¹¹ See decision 7/CMA.4, annex II, para. 17.

¹² See decision Decision 3/CMA.4, annex, paragraph 4

interest in the generation of Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions in accordance with paragraphs 26 and 27 of the Rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement;¹³

II. Designated national authorities

14. *Invites* Parties that have not already done so to establish designated national authorities for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, and *also invites* developed country Parties to nominate a representative to serve as co-chair of the forum for designated national authorities for the mechanism;

15. *[Encourages][Invites]* Parties to submit the “Host Parties participation requirements for Article 6.4 mechanism” form,¹⁴ containing the requirements for host Parties interested in participating in the mechanism, to the secretariat;

16. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to report back to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, through its regular annual report, on the work undertaken to improve the designated national authorities’ access to and participation in the mechanism;

17. *Also invites* Parties [and other stakeholders] to consider reinforcing targeted capacity-building efforts with a view to enabling host Parties to undertake the necessary analysis to make an informed decision regarding participation in the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4;

III. Transparency and stakeholder engagement

18. *[Notes* the commitment of the Supervisory Body to [enhancing the][ensuring the high-level of] transparency of its decision-making on standards, methodologies, procedures, tools and guidelines for operationalizing the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, including by conducting stakeholder consultations when developing them;]

19. *Acknowledges* the importance of [providing adequate time for] stakeholder consultations and submission of input, while noting that multiple opportunities for stakeholder engagement already exist when the Supervisory Body and its expert panels develop different regulatory documents, including mechanism methodologies, methodological tools, standards and procedures, and *requests* the secretariat to raise awareness of these opportunities to ensure that stakeholders are informed and able to participate in the stakeholder consultation effectively;

20. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to strengthen its stakeholder consultation processes, [while also ensuring the expeditious operationalization of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4,] [while ensuring balance with the timely approval of regulatory documents] by:

(a) Ensuring that they are inclusive and open, particularly for those whose access to the stakeholder consultation process has traditionally been limited, to enable all stakeholders, including designated national authorities, relevant experts and Indigenous Peoples and local communities, to provide inputs;

(b) Ensuring that sufficient time is provided for review of the published documents and the submission of inputs;

21. *Encourages* the Supervisory Body to facilitate the engagement of a broad range of stakeholders, including those that cannot easily access the mechanism, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and *requests* the Supervisory Body to report on its outreach measures to ensure broad participation in public consultations across different groups of stakeholders in its next annual report;

¹³ See Decision 7/CMA.4, annex II.

¹⁴ Supervisory Body form A6.4-FORM-GOV-001.

22. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to improve the transparency of decision-making of the Supervisory Body and the Methodological Expert Panel by requesting the Methodological Expert Panel to [minimize its deliberations in closed sessions and] systematically explain the rationale for its decisions in its meeting reports and in the cover note of methodologies and methodological tools recommended to the Supervisory Body, while safeguarding the productivity of its work;

23. *Requests* the secretariat to improve its reporting on the implementation of the Article 6, paragraph 4, capacity building programme;

IV. Methodologies and standards

24. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to continue to ensure that its standards, methodologies and tools ensure environmental integrity, are based on the best available science, provide for a coherent level of stringency across sectors and mitigation activities and are informed by robust evidence;

25. *Also requests* the Supervisory Body to expedite its work on revising scope of the adopted methodological standards for the development of mechanism methodologies to cover programmes of activities;

26. *Further requests* the Supervisory Body, in its further methodological work in relation to the “Standard: Addressing non-permanence and reversals in mechanism methodologies”, to:

(a) [Ensure it is cognizant of the coherence with its outputs, such as approved methodologies[, and ensures that all Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions are fungible and aligned with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement];]

(b) [Ensure that the “Tool: Reversal risk assessment” is reflective of currently available science, quantifies removals that align with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and adequately incorporates stakeholder input in its design, and that remediation measures are taken into account in its development;]

(c) Ensure that its work is aligned with previous decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement that provide for emission reduction and removal activities in all sectors to be credited under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, and reflects currently available science[, economic feasibility] and best practices when developing new mechanism methodologies, including the proposed post-crediting monitoring periods and negligible risk thresholds;

(d) [Ensure that risks of reversals not considered as negligible are addressed in full, consistent with the “Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism”, and to establish further guidance on the responsibility to monitor and compensate for reversals in cases where monitoring by activity participants ends after a certain period;]

(e) [Ensure that the duration for assessing risks of reversals is based on timeframes that are relevant for achieving the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement;]

(f) Continue its work regarding the status of Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions transferred to the buffer pool including with regard to first transfer, ensuring that double counting is avoided and exploring options for how host Parties could benefit from the coverage provided by the buffer pool, and make a recommendation on this matter for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session (November 2026);

27. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to [maintain the approach tailored to each type of activity when working on mechanism methodologies and methodological tools for activities involving removals, including on issues of post-crediting monitoring [and implementation of both project and [jurisdictional][sectoral] activities];]

28. *Also requests* the Supervisory Body to [prioritize] [continue working on] the development of large-scale crediting programmes and [jurisdictional][sectoral] approaches[,

drawing lessons from the Warsaw Framework for REDD+,¹⁵] including exploring the requirements for [jurisdictional][sectoral] approaches to ensure environmental integrity;

29. [Also requests the Supervisory Body to clarify the definition of reductions, avoidance and removals to prevent inconsistent reporting on reductions;]

V. [Transition of clean development mechanism activities

30. *Decides* to extend the deadline for the submission of approval by the DNA for the Article 6.4 mechanism of a CDM host Party to the Supervisory Body to transition CDM project activity or programme of activities, referred to in paragraph 12 of Annex I of Decision 7/CMA.4, to [30 June 2026] [31 December 2026];

31. *Encourages* activities that have requested to transition from the clean development mechanism, to apply the most recently approved mechanism methodologies;]

VI. [Participation in the mechanism

32. [Invites] [Urges] [Encourages] Parties to consider using the A6.4 mechanism, recognizing some Parties may choose to pursue voluntary cooperation in the implementation of their nationally determined contributions to [allow for higher][add to their] ambition in their mitigation and adaptation actions and to promote sustainable development and environmental integrity.]

33. [Invites][Encourages] Parties to indicate in their nationally determined contribution implementation plans whether they intend to participate in the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, [as buyers or sellers of A6.4 ERs, or both,] while recognizing that many Parties may not yet have clarity on their intended role [to increase the ambition of their nationally determined contributions];]

VII. [Voluntary cancellation facility

34. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to explore options for facilitating the voluntary cancellation of mitigation contribution units and authorized Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions to *support* the implementation of activities in host Parties under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, by providing an incentive to public and private entities to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions via the purchase and cancellation of such units and provide a recommendation for consideration by the CMA;]

VIII. Funding for the operation of the mechanism

35. *Notes with appreciation* the prudent management by the Subsidiary Body of its limited resources, including its implementation of contingency measures and [ongoing] fundraising efforts to address the funding gap in 2025;

36. *Notes* the business and resource allocation plan adopted by the Supervisory Body for 2026–2027,¹⁶ which provides an estimated budget for its work and for activities deemed essential for fully operationalizing the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4;

37. *Notes with concern* the critical shortfall in funding required for the activities of the Supervisory Body for 2026-2027;

38. *Notes* the call from the Supervisory Body in its 2025 annual report for additional funding and *agrees* to make efforts to secure the additional essential resources needed to

¹⁵ Reducing emissions from deforestation; reducing emissions from forest degradation; conservation of forest carbon stocks; sustainable management of forests; and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (decision 1/CP.16, para. 70).

¹⁶ Supervisory Body document A6.4-INFO-GOV-024.

expedite the full operationalization of the mechanism, noting that the Supervisory Body, with the support of the secretariat, remains committed to expediting the operationalization in line with guidance from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

39. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to enhance the support provided to designated national authorities for the mechanism through the capacity-building programme delivered by the secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres,¹⁷ in order to ensure that the mechanism remains accessible [and its use is not unduly burdensome] for developing countries seeking to mobilize high-integrity mitigation outcomes;

40. *Urgently requests* the secretariat to actively explore all possible solutions and sources of funding for ensuring the continuity of operations of the Supervisory Body and its panels, and to provide clarity and ensure transparency regarding the financial situation of the mechanism.

[Welcoming the transfer from the CMP]

41. *Welcomes* the decision #/CMP.20 to authorize a transfer of USD [xx] million from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism to the trust fund for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, and affirm that this transfer will maximize the long-term benefit for the Adaptation Fund in line with decision 2/CMP.16.

{Assessment of whether the Supervisory Body has become self-financing}

42. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to include in its annual reports, beginning in 2027, an assessment of the current and expected income and expenditure to facilitate a determination by the CMA whether it has become self-financing.

{Agreement that the funds provided to 6.4 shall later to the Adaptation Fund}

43. *Agrees* that, upon its determination that the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement is self-financing, , amounts shall be transferred annually from the trust fund supporting the implementation of Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, to the Adaptation Fund, until the total amount transferred reaches the amount referred to in paragraph 20 in decision -/CMP.20

{Timing of payment to the Adaptation Fund}

44. *Agrees* to begin consideration of the level and frequency of the transfer to the Adaptation Fund, as referred to in paragraph 43 above, at its XX session (2030), with the view to initiate the transfers no later than 2035.]

¹⁷ Referred to in decision 3/CMA.3, para. 14.

[Annex

Amendments to the rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

Option 1: Option 2 of paragraph 7 with a mandatory break of two years:

45. The following text should be inserted at the end of paragraph 17 of the rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, contained in annex II to decision 7/CMA.4 and at the end of paragraph 11 of the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, contained in the annex to decision 3/CMA.3: “After completing two terms, a member or an alternate member shall observe a mandatory break of two years before becoming eligible to serve again. Following such a break, a former member or alternate member may serve for up to two further terms under the same conditions, with no restriction on the number of times this cycle may be repeated.”]

Option 2: Option 2 of paragraph 7 with no mandatory break of two years:

46. The following text should replace paragraph 17 of the rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, contained in annex II to decision 7/CMA.4, and paragraph 11 of the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, contained in the annex to decision 3/CMA.3: “The members and alternate members shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms”.]
