

U.S. Views on the Contents of Article 6.2 Authorizations

Hybrid Workshops relating to Article 6.2 and Article 6.4 of the Paris Agreement

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- The United States can support the development of a template for the information that shall or should be reflected in an authorization of the use of ITMOs from a cooperative approach.
- Such a template can assist Parties in preparing and formatting their authorizations, should they choose to use it.
- The voluntary nature of this template is consistent with the optional templates provided to assist Parties in preparing Article 6.2 reports.

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- **Key views on “shall” vs. “should” list:** Required elements need to be those that are necessary for participants in the approach or underlying system to identify mitigation outcomes covered by the authorization, and how/when the approach and 6.2 guidance are implemented.
- Key views on **“shall” list:** Retain all elements except “(h)” (move to “shoulds”, as it is type-specific) and consolidate (e) and (g).
- Key views on **“should” list:** Could consider shifting several items in paragraph 9 to “shall” list: 9(a), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (k)-(n), (s), (v)
- Other environmental integrity elements should be clearly connected to the Initial Report (see next slide).

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- Some information elements in the Initial Report may *need* to be repeated in the authorization.
 - Authorizations guide / inform the implementation of a cooperative approach
 - Initial Reports contain information summarizing the nature and scope of the cooperative approach that is established in the authorization.
- Information elements pertaining to environmental integrity (versus operative conditions) are more appropriate for inclusion in the Initial Report, for example, as *guidance for its completion in relation to the authorization*.

Strengthening the transparency and completeness of Initial Reports is paramount.

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- With the benefit of real-world examples of Article 6.2 guidance implementation, Parties should consider taking steps to enhance up-front reporting—in terms of specificity and detail needed to enhance understanding of the cooperative approach.
- Simple enhancements (beyond previous slide proposal), e.g.,
 - Requesting Parties to attach or cross-reference supporting information about methods, tools, procedures applied in an underlying regulatory framework or certification mechanism, incl. any methods specified for cooperative approach use.
 - Formatting the template to support Parties to prepare information for reporting on the discrete information elements required in 18(h)-(i).