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### 1. Introduction

- 1. Article 6 of the Paris Agreement<sup>1</sup> established three instruments for Parties to use in pursuing voluntary cooperation when implementing their nationally determined contributions (NDCs): cooperative approaches involving the use of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (Article 6, paragraph 2); a mechanism to contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and support sustainable development (Article 6, paragraph 4); and non-market approaches to enable cooperation on mitigation, adaptation, and the development of clean energy sources (Article 6, paragraph 8).
- 2. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) adopted, at its third meeting, the "Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement". This "rulebook" delineates principles, key requirements and processes of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (Article 6.4 mechanism), including the establishment of a Supervisory Body. The CMA requested the Supervisory Body to consider and further develop various elements in the rules, modalities and procedures for its operationalization.
- 3. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) decided, through its decision 2/CMP.16,<sup>3</sup> to authorize the transfer of USD 30 million from the Trust Fund for the Clean Development Mechanism to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities to facilitate the expedited implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism by the Supervisory Body.
- 4. The Resource Allocation Plan 2024–2025 (RAP 2024–2025) provides an estimated budget for the Supervisory Body to carry out its work in 2024–2025 as specified in its workplan, as well as other activities deemed essential to operationalize the Article 6.4 mechanism.

### 2. Strategic vision and goals

- 5. The strategic vision of the Supervisory Body is to provide a mechanism that actively contributes to the global mitigation of emissions and sustainable development, as mandated in Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement. It aims do this through a high-quality, robust, and inclusive multilateral crediting mechanism that demonstrates the highest environmental integrity standards and by aiming to become a benchmark-setter.
- 6. To support the achievement of the RAP 2024–2025, the Supervisory Body will strive to accomplish the goals described in the following:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Paris Agreement available at: <a href="https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/pastconferences/paris-climate-change-conference-november-2015/paris-agreement">https://unfccc.int/process/conferences/pastconferences/paris-climate-change-conference-november-2015/paris-agreement</a>.

See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2021/10/Add.1 (decision 3/CMA.3) available at: https://unfccc.int/documents/460950.

See document FCCC/KP/CMP/2021/8/Add.1 (decision 2/CMP.16) available at: https://unfccc.int/documents/460957.

# 2.1 Goal 1: Facilitate the implementation of mitigation activities through the prompt operationalization of the Article 6.4 mechanism by developing and adopting efficient and effective procedures, processes and infrastructure

- 7. Under this goal, the Supervisory Body intends to:
  - (a) Operate efficient activity assessment processes with a focus on meeting all timelines without compromising the quality of assessments;
  - (b) Operate an effective accreditation framework through the development of accreditation standards and procedures that are clear and easy to apply while ensuring the broadest possible regional availability of designated operational entities (DOEs);
  - (c) Provide effective and user-friendly infrastructure that facilitates the participation of public and private entities in the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions by enabling access and ease of use;
  - (d) Continuously review and improve the procedures, processes and infrastructure for the Article 6.4 mechanism in a nimble manner as both a driver of innovation and by being responsive to innovation and best practices as they emerge in the carbon credit markets.

# 2.2 Goal 2: Set the global benchmark for high environmental integrity in the quantification of mitigation outcomes from activities

- 8. Under this goal, the Supervisory Body intends to:
  - (a) Operate an effective methodology development process that supports the needed transformational change, and facilitate the achievement of ambitious emission reductions and enhancements of long-term removals;
  - (b) Engage the best expert knowledge by applying a science- and evidence-based approach;
  - (c) Ensure transparent and inclusive processes for the engagement of stakeholders and local communities;
  - (d) Take a leading role in the discussions on environmental integrity standards for carbon crediting through outreach and engagement with other crediting standards and initiatives.

# 2.3 Goal 3: Enable Party and non-Party stakeholders to understand and participate in the Article 6.4 mechanism

- 9. Under this goal, the Supervisory Body intends to:
  - (a) Support the highest quality of submissions through the development and strengthening of designated national authorities, DOEs, activity participants, and other stakeholders' capacity and skills regarding the requirements of the Article 6.4 mechanism;
  - (b) Present and protect a positive image of the Article 6.4 mechanism by developing and proactively disseminating information and materials that promote awareness of the Article 6.4 mechanism and its benefits;

(c) Empower host Parties to use the Article 6.4 mechanism as part of their national approaches to support the achievement of ambitious NDCs and long-term low-emission development strategies by promoting greater understanding of how the Article 6.4 mechanism works in their interests.

# 2.4 Goal 4: Ensure that the Article 6.4 mechanism achieves an equitable regional distribution of Article 6.4 activities and an equitable sharing in benefits from those activities

- 10. Under this goal, the Supervisory Body intends to:
  - (a) Promote the regional distribution of Article 6.4 activities and ensure that no Party is left behind by ensuring the adaptability of the Article 6.4 mechanism to local conditions and actively engaging with potential host Parties through the provision of support by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centres, including by the facilitation of market access;
  - (b) Promote the broadest possible participation and ensure that benefits are shared by all, taking into consideration the interests of host Parties, public and private investors, and the users of the Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions (A6.4ERs).

## 2.5 Goal 5: Nurture the demand for Article 6.4 emission reductions from the Article 6.4 mechanism

- 11. Under this goal, the Supervisory Body intends to:
  - (a) Engage with regulatory authorities and other entities on the use of authorized A6.4ERs for NDC achievement by showcasing the potential of the Article 6.4 mechanism to supply the highest quality credits while ensuring that double-counting is avoided;
  - (b) Take the necessary steps to ensure that the Article 6.4 mechanism is a leading supplier of mitigation outcomes for use in other international mitigation purposes, specifically through direct engagement with existing regulatory and national bodies and with any future market-based mechanism that may be developed;
  - (c) Engage with public and private stakeholders using mitigation contribution units (MCUs) for national policy and voluntary purposes by promoting the use of MCUs for reporting on the climate impact of activities financed through the purchase and voluntary cancellation of MCUs as results-based finance; and/or engage with public and private entities contributing to the achievement of the host Party's NDC.

### Appendix. Resource allocation plan 2024–2025

#### 1. Introduction

1. This Resource Allocation Plan 2024–2025 (RAP 2024–2025) outlines the activities and resource requirements needed to support the Supervisory Body's goals for 2024 and 2025 under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (Article 6.4 mechanism).

#### 2. Activities, forecasted volumes and resource requirements

- 2. As shown in table 1, the budget proposal covered by the RAP 2024–2025 is USD 18.5 million for 2024 (column (d)) and 19.8 million for 2025 (column (e)), compared to the indicative budget for 2024 of 12.2 million (column (b)) and the indicative budget for 2025 of 14.3 million (column (c)).
- 3. In 2024 and 2025, the proposed staff count is 52 and 63 (columns (d) and (e)), respectively, compared to the indicative staff count of 47 and 63 (columns (b) and (c)).

Table 1. Overview of the approved 2023 budget, indicative budget for 2024 and 2025<sup>(i)</sup> and budget proposal for 2024 and 2025

	Reso	ource Allocation 2023	Resource Allocation Plan 2024–2025				
Budget	Approved budget 2023 (a)	Indicative 2024 <sup>(i)</sup> (b)	Indicative 2025 <sup>(i)</sup> (c)	Budget proposal 2024 (d)	Budget proposal 2025 (e)		
Staff (head count)	33	47	63	52	63		
Staff costs(ii)	3 555 930	5 987 383	8 143 278	8 339 370	9 924 161		
Non-staff costs(iii)	4 118 742	6 214 331	6 243 501	10 219 414	9 887 785		
Total (USD)	7 674 672	12 201 714	14 386 779	18 558 784	19 811 946		

<sup>(</sup>i) The indicative budget for 2024 and 2025 was outlined within the approved Resource Allocation Plan for 2023. See table 1 of document A6.4-SB003-A01, available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb003-a01.pdf.

TCO – Service programmes in the secretariat (Information and Communication Technology and Administrative Services) render services to all secretariat activities funded from both core and non-core sources of funding. The purpose of TCO charges is to ensure the allocation of costs of these support services to the sources of funding to which they relate. In 2024 and 2025, the TCO charge per capita of EUR 15,460 will be applied.

PSC – In accordance with the financial procedures of the United Nations, 13 per cent of overhead charges are payable on all trust funds of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to cover administrative services provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva and the UNFCCC secretariat.

<sup>(</sup>ii) Staff costs include Staff, General Temporary Assistance, and related costs such as salaries, overtime payments, dependency allowance, education grant, rental subsidy, home leave travel, travel on appointment and separation, after-service health insurance costs, etc.

<sup>(</sup>iii) Non-staff costs include Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) and the 13 per cent Programme Support Costs (PSC).

4. Table 2 displays the allocation of resources against goals, activities, and outputs for 2024 and 2025. To deliver the proposed activities and outputs, total estimated resource needs are 550 person-months (about 52 staff equivalents) in 2024 and 664 person-months (about 63 staff equivalents) in 2025. During the implementation of the RAP 2024–2025, adjustments may be necessary. Other Mitigation Division staff resources may be utilized to support the delivery of outputs as required. The 'person-months' column in table 2 provides an indication of the effort required to perform each activity per year.

Table 2. Overview of the outputs, goals, activities and resources allocated for 2024 and 2025

Area	Outputs	Goals <sup>(a)</sup>	Activity	Units		Forecasted volume <sup>(b)</sup>		son- nths		aff costs SD)
					2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Accreditation	Support for entities'	1	Entity administration	Entities	20	42	7	10	-	-
system	assessment	1	Entity assessment planning	Assessments	20	40	2	4	-	-
	Development of a performance	1	Entity performance monitoring system	System	1	1	2	2	-	-
	monitoring system	1	Handling of complaints and requests for review	Reports	1	1	1	1	-	-
Entity assessment	Assessments of operating entities	1	Performance assessments (validation and verification)	Assessments	2	6	1	5	1	1
		1	Regular surveillance and spot checks	Assessments	3	6	1	2	1	-
		1	Requests for initial accreditation and re-accreditation	Requests	14	14	4	4	-	-
	Workshops for accreditation	1	Calibration of assessment team leads	Workshops	1	2	1	2	-	-
	experts and designated operational entities (DOEs)	1	DOE calibration workshop	Workshops	1	2	1	2	69 961	69 961
Activity assessments	Assessments of activity submissions	1	Requests for direct communication, renewal of crediting period, and review	Requests	10	20	1	3	75 000	75 000

Area	Outputs	Goals <sup>(a)</sup>	Activity	Units	Foreca volun			son- nths		aff costs SD)
					2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
		1	Requests for programmes of activities (PoA) issuance covering component activities (CAs)	Requests	10	30	3	8	-	-
		1	Requests for PoA post- registration change (PRC)	Requests	6	30	2	11	-	-
		1	Requests for PoA registration	Requests	50	20	4	2	-	-
		1	Requests for activity issuance	Requests	75	300	3	18	-	-
		1	Requests for activity PRC	Requests	30	30	5	5	-	-
		1	Requests for activity registration	Requests	825	100	49	11	-	-
		1	PoA post-registration CA inclusion requests	CA inclusions	540	100	1	0.2	-	-
Activity cycle	Article 6.4 mechanism information system	2	Development and operation of the Article 6.4 mechanism information system	IT system	1	1	12	12	2 575 000	2 700 000
		2	Workflow support for activity cycle	Tasks	3200	1150	24	23	-	-
Methodologies	Methodologies, standards and tools	2	Processing of requests for clarification, deviation, revision, and new submissions	Requests	30	45	19	37	-	-
	Technical documents, procedures and guidelines on methodological aspects, including removals	2	Processing of submitted standardized baselines	Evaluation of submissions	5	10	6	12	-	-

Area	Outputs	Goals <sup>(a)</sup>	Activity	Units	Foreca volun			son- nths		aff costs SD)
					2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
		2	Scientific editors/technical writers: support for methodological work and other technical documents		-	-	2	2	78 000	78 000
		2	Analysis and revision of existing methodologies and standardized baselines	Revisions	25	26	75	75	12 081	12 081
	Support for methodologies-related clarifications	2	Development of technical procedures and guidelines on methodological aspects	Procedures and guidelines	15	15	40	40	-	-
	and inquiries	2	Methodological requests from the Board	Requests	-	25	-	25		
	On-site support to projects	3, 4	Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) on-site support for the implementation of Article 6.4 mechanism activities	On-site support	6	6	6	6	177 795	177 795
		3, 4	RCC support to bottom-up standardized baselines	Standardized baselines	30	30	5	5	-	-
Registry	Article 6.4 mechanism registry	1, 2	Changes to modalities of communication and transactions	Transactions	-	400	-	19	-	-
		1	Registry reports	Reports	-	200	-	1	-	-
		1	IT systems requirements support, testing and acceptance		-	-	12	12	1 500 000	700 000

Area	Outputs	Goals <sup>(a)</sup>	Activity	Units	Forec		_	son- nths	Non-staff costs (USD)	
					2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Regulatory management	Regulatory standards and	2	Regulations and procedures		-	-	8	7	50 000	-
	procedures, clarifications, guidelines and forms	2	Develop and maintain regulatory documents		-	1	20	36	4	-
Market and policy analysis	Analytical reports	3, 5	Public policy analysis, development and reports	Reports	1	1	3	3	50 000	50 000
Servicing of regulatory body	Support to the constituted body meetings	2	Legal support		-	-	10	10	50 000	50 000
·	Establishment and maintenance of the roster of external experts	2	Support to the Supervisory Body, including preparation of meetings	Meetings	5	5	17	17	726 417	726 417
	Support to external experts	2	Governance matters related to the Supervisory Body		-	-	13	13	31 616	31 616
		2	Managing of the support structure of the Supervisory Body (e.g., panels, as appropriate), development of terms of references, call for and selection of membership		-	-	5	-	-	-
		2	Maintenance and management of assignments for rosters of experts		-	-	2	2	-	-

Area	Outputs	Goals <sup>(a)</sup>	Activity	Units	Foreca volur			son- nths	Non-staff costs (USD)	
					2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
		2	Documents management for the Supervisory Board and support structure		-	-	18	20	-	-
Servicing of panels/working groups	Operationalization of Accreditation Panel and	2	Support to the Accreditation Panel, incl. preparation of meetings		-	-	-	-	361 783	466 512
	Methodological Panel	2	Support to the Methodologies Panel, incl. preparation of meetings		-	1	-	-	437 645	437 645
		2	Maintaining and managing assignments – roster of experts			ı	-	-	-	-
Capacity- building	Workshops/trainings Knowledge products Partnerships	4	Coordination and delivery of Article 6.4 capacity-building activities, including preparation of training materials, knowledge products and engagement of experts		1		34	40	290 814	290 814
Secretariat interactions with stakeholders	Dissemination of information to stakeholders, including clarifications	3, 4	External queries	Transactions	200	600	3	17	-	-
	Stakeholders' interactions	3	Calls for input and feedback to stakeholders	Transactions and reports	40	60	3	4	-	-
	Capacity-building of designated national authorities (DNAs) and DOEs	3	Regional DNA forums	Events	-	2	2	3	186 747	186 747

Area	Outputs	Goals <sup>(a)</sup>	Activity	Units	Forec			son- nths	Non-staff costs (USD)	
					2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	Provision of technical support	3	Nairobi Framework Partnership coordination and regional activities with a specific focus on Africa, least developed countries and small island developing states		-	-	4	8	-	_
		3, 4, 5	Support to stakeholders and capacity-building of DOEs	Interactions	11	15	4	5	-	-
		3, 4, 5	External engagement activities (technical support to stakeholders and regional engagement)		-	-	5	8	1	1
		3, 4, 5	RCC support to activities	Activities	120	120	2	2	-	1
Cross-cutting	Strategic guidance, coordination and oversight, including supervision of deliverables	1–5	Regular engagement with the Supervisory Body	Meetings	5	5	7	7	-	-
		3	Strategy development and implementation		-	-	2	4	-	-
		1–5	Ensuring consistency, coherence, and quality of outputs across workstreams		-	-	3	4		

Area	Outputs	Goals <sup>(a)</sup>	Activity	Units	Forec volui			son- nths		aff costs SD)
					2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	Communication Strategy	3, 5	Communications		-	-	10	10	155 302	155 302
	Strategic and external communications									
	Media-related activities (blogs, social media, etc.)									
	Communication products and media relationship									
	Quality management system	2	Quality management		-	-	6	6	-	-
	Websites, extranets and repositories  Catalogue of decisions and taxonomy  Records management	1, 3, 4	Information and knowledge management		-	-	17	17	58 725	-
	Secretariat-wide responsibilities	1–5	Secretariat-wide responsibilities		-	-	10	10	-	-
	Data gathering, analysis and reports	2	Data management		-	-	5	7	-	-

Area	Outputs	Goals <sup>(a)</sup>	Activity	Units	Forec			son- nths	Non-staff costs (USD)	
					2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Cross-cutting: internal administration	Recruitments and contract management	1–5	Human resources, skill development, and learning and materials		-	-	10	11	50 000	50 000
	Financial management and reporting	1–5	Finance (including budget, expert payments, fee payments, and procurement)		-	-	16	11	-	-
	Business Plan and Resource Allocation	1–5	Intra-secretariat engagement agreement		-	1	2	2	10 000	10 000
	Plan (RAP) 1–5 development	1–5	Planning, monitoring and reporting		-	1	16	16		-
	Midyear and end- year review reports on the status of	1–5	Travel management		-	-	2	2	100 000	100 000
	RAP 2024–2025 implementation	1–5	Management and meetings		-	-	2	2		
	Development and monitoring of service-level framework agreements (information technology, communications, legal services)	1–5	Supplies and subscriptions		-	-	0.3	0.3	89 188	89 188
Total	logal solviocs;	<u> </u>		1	_ [	l	550	664	7 136 074	6 457 078

<sup>(</sup>a) Description of the goals are included in section 2 "Strategic vision and goals".

<sup>(</sup>b) The forecasted volume estimates may be further reviewed and updated in the course of implementation of RAP 2024-25.

### 3. Programme budget

- 5. Table 3 displays the breakdown of the budget proposals for 2024 and 2025 by different cost categories: the 2023 approved budget, the indicative budgets for 2024 and 2025, and the comparison of budget proposals against the indicative ones.
- 6. The 2024 budget proposal shows a 52 per cent increase compared to the indicative budget of 2024, and the 2025 budget proposal shows a 38 per cent increase compared to indicative budget for 2025.

Table 3. Breakdown of budgets by cost categories and comparison of budget proposals for 2024 and 2025 against indicative budgets (USD)

Expense classification	Budget proposal 2024	Budget proposal 2025	Approved budget 2023	Indicative budget 2024*	Indicative budget 2025*	Budget proposal 2024 against indicative budget 2024	Budget proposal 2025 against indicative budget 2025
Staff <sup>(a)</sup>	8 339 371	9 924 161	3 555 930	5 987 383	8 143 278	39%	22%
Consultants <sup>(b)</sup>	524 136	340 411	148 827	214 619	214 619	144%	59%
Expert fees(c)	471 279	576 008	174 419	471 279	576 008	_	_
Expert travel(d)	303 488	303 488	250 750	303 488	303 488	_	_
Travel of representatives(e)	338 917	338 917	46 651	80 930	80 930	319%	319%
Travel of representatives – Supervisory Body <sup>(f)</sup>	511 849	511 849	463 023	480 233	480 233	7%	7%
Travel of staff <sup>(g)</sup>	404 818	404 818	244 919	340 581	340 581	19%	19%
Training <sup>(h)</sup>	50 000	50 000	7 953	19 884	19 884	151%	151%
Operating expenses <sup>(i)</sup>	463 089	463 089	243 749	369 589	369 589	25%	25%
Total cost of ownership (TCO) <sup>(j)</sup>	948 258	1 151 457	431 687	676 308	906 541	40%	27%
Engagement agreement (IT)(k)	4 068 498	3 468 498	1 223 837	1 853 682	1 296 512	119%	168%
Subtotal	16 423 703	17 532 696	6 791 745	10 797 976	12 731 663	52%	38%
Programme support costs (PSC) <sup>(I)</sup>	2 135 081	2 279 250	882 927	1 403 737	1 655 116	52%	38%
Total	18 558 784	19 811 946	7 674 672	12 201 713	14 386 779	52%	38%

<sup>\*</sup> The indicative budgets for 2024 and 2025 were outlined within the approved Resource Allocation Plan 2023. See table 3 of document A6.4-SB003-A01, available at: <a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb003-a01.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb003-a01.pdf</a>)

- (a) Staff costs include staff, general temporary assistance and related costs such as salaries, overtime payments, dependency allowance, education grant, rental subsidy, home leave travel, travel on appointment and separation, after-service health insurance costs, etc.
- (b) Consultant costs include consultants and individual contractor fees.
- (c) Expert costs include panels attendance fees and case fees and costs of experts who provide technical input to the Supervisory Body.
- (d) Expert travel includes ticket costs and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) of panels members.
- (e) Travel of representatives includes ticket cost and DSA for participants in meetings and workshops.
- (f) Travel of representatives (Supervisory Body) includes ticket costs and DSA.
- (g) Travel of staff costs includes staff, consultants' and individual contractors' ticket costs, DSA, terminal expenses and miscellaneous expenses.
- (h) Training costs include staff attendance or course fees, consultant costs for training, ticket costs and DSA.
- (i) Operating expenses include rental of equipment, shipping and transport costs, maintenance costs, other logistics costs, supplies and materials.
- ① Total cost of ownership (TCO) Service programmes in the secretariat (Information and Communication Technology and Administrative Services) render services to all secretariat activities funded from both core and non-core sources of funding. The purpose of TCO charges is to ensure the allocation of costs of these support services to the sources of funding to which they relate. In 2024 and 2025, the TCO charge per capita of EUR 15,460 will be applied.
- (k) Engagement agreement (Information Technology) includes IT-related costs to support the implementation of the Resource Allocation Plan, including the development and operation of the Article 6.4 mechanism registry and the Article 6.4 mechanism information system.
- (I) Programme support costs (PSC) In accordance with the financial procedures of the United Nations, 13 per cent of overhead charges are payable on all trust funds of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to cover administrative services provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva and the UNFCCC secretariat.
- 7. For 2024 and 2025, the estimate for staffing needs are 52 staff and 63 staff, respectively. The increase in proposed staff costs, compared to the indicative budgets, mainly reflects the rise in statutory costs. The secretariat applies the United Nations rules governing salaries and employee benefits. Salary and common costs for staff on fixed-term contracts are calculated using standard rates for each grade. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change rates are determined based on a historical analysis of a set of staff cost parameters such as pay scales and employee benefits. This resulted in a change in standard salary staff rates for all levels.
- 8. The consultants cost category in the budget proposals is indicative.
- 9. The increase in travel of representatives is primarily due to the addition of costs related to the participation of representatives in the designated national authority regional forums.
- 10. The increase in travel of representatives Supervisory Body is due to the addition of costs related to the participation of two members to the Regional Climate Weeks.
- 11. The increase in the travel of staff budget also reflects a general increase in travel costs.
- 12. The increase in operating expenses is due to additional costs for regional forums.
- 13. The training cost category in the budget proposals is indicative.
- 14. The increased engagement agreement (IT) cost category in the budget proposals, compared to the indicative budgets, reflects the development cost of IT systems such as the development and operation of the Article 6.4 mechanism registry and the Article 6.4 mechanism information system. IT development costs for 2024–2025 are initial estimates

and are likely to increase during 2024–2025, taking into account increased clarity on business requirements (scope and scale of development needed), and may require budget adjustments.

#### 4. Ensuring the prudent management of resources

- 15. The secretariat prudently manages and monitors resource allocations against priority areas of work to ensure the optimal use of available staff in delivering high-quality products on time.
- 16. A total of 52 posts are included in the RAP for 2024, and 63 posts are included for 2025, compared to 33 posts in 2023. The proposed RAP estimates a resource need of 550 person-months (roughly equivalent to 52 staff) in 2024 and 664 person-months (about 63 staff) in 2025 to execute the proposed activities.
- 17. The Supervisory Body will have opportunities to review the implementation of its RAP 2024–2025 and adjust the allocation of resources as appropriate, considering relevant decisions made by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement.

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