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## Meeting report

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## Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

### Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. Mr. Martin Hession, Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Body of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (Article 6.4 mechanism), opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum requirement was met.
2. The Supervisory Body noted that Mr. Satyendra Kumar and Mr. Imre Bányász were unable to attend this meeting and had provided proper justification for their absence.
3. The Supervisory Body observed a minute of silence in honour of Dr. Gajanana Hegde, who passed away on 2 September 2024. Dr. Hegde was a staff member at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat and supported the work related to development of methodologies for the last 18 years. The Supervisory Body members expressed their condolences to his family and the secretariat, remembered him as a champion for the methodologies under the UNFCCC and recognized his contribution to the cause of combating climate change.
4. The Supervisory Body welcomed the Lead Negotiator for the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29), H.E. Yalchin Rafiyev to the meeting and thanked him and the COP 29 Presidency and the Government of Azerbaijan for hosting the meeting and providing excellent meeting facilities and services.
5. The table below shows the attendance of members and alternate members at this meeting.<sup>1</sup>

**Table. Attendance**

Members	Presence	Alternates	Presence
Ms. Maria AlJishi <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Duan Maosheng <sup>b</sup>	Virtual
Mr. Benedict Chia <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Ms. Kristin Qui <sup>b</sup>	Virtual
Mr. Felipe De León Denegri <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Eduardo Calvo <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. El Hadji Mbaye Diagne <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Tirivanhu Muhwati <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Piotr Dombrowicki <sup>a</sup>	Virtual	Mr. Imre Bányász <sup>a</sup>	Absent
Ms. Olga Gassan-zade <sup>b,1</sup>	In-person	VACANT <sup>b,1,2</sup>	
Mr. Felipe Ferreira <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Mr. Charles Hamilton <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Martin Hession <sup>b</sup>	In-person	Ms. Helen Finney <sup>b</sup>	In-person
Mr. Gebru Jember <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Manjeet Dhakal <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Satyendra Kumar <sup>a</sup>	Absent	Mr. Daegyun Oh <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Ms. Molly Peters-Stanley <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Ms. Angela Friedrich <sup>a</sup>	In-person
Mr. Mkhuthazi Steleki <sup>a</sup>	In-person	Mr. Alick Muvundika <sup>a</sup>	In-person

<sup>(a)</sup> Term: three years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2025.

<sup>(b)</sup> Term: two years, i.e. ending immediately before the first meeting in 2026.

<sup>1</sup> Nomination pending from the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement. Current member remains in office until nomination is received.

<sup>2</sup> Ms. Maia Tskhvaradze resigned effective 1 September 2023.

<sup>1</sup> For detailed information on nominations and agreements made within each regional group, please refer to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change election and membership page [here](#).

### **Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda**

6. The Supervisory Body adopted the agenda of the meeting, which was published as document A6.4-SBM014-AA.<sup>2</sup>

## **Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters**

### **Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues**

7. Members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body made available statements of actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest with respect to the issues on the agenda of this meeting, as reflected on the UNFCCC website.<sup>3</sup>

### **Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction**

8. The Supervisory Body agreed on the addendum to its annual report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its sixth session and requested the secretariat to finalize the addendum in consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Body. This addendum covers the period from 19 July to 9 October 2024, including the outcomes of the fourteenth meeting. Once this addendum is finalized, it will be published on the UNFCCC website.

### **Agenda item 2.3. Performance management**

9. The Supervisory Body took note of the status of implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism resource allocation plan 2024–2025 (1 January – 30 June 2024).
10. The Supervisory Body took note of the update on the status of its work, noting the changes in its workplan for 2024.
11. The Supervisory Body agreed to the preliminary workplan for 2025 as contained in annex 1 to this report, noting that an adjusted workplan will be considered for approval by the Supervisory Body at its fifteenth meeting (SBM 015), taking into account the outcomes from SBM 014 and guidance from the sixth session of the CMA.

### **Agenda item 2.4. Matters related to the Supervisory Body and its support structure**

12. The Supervisory Body took note of the report of the third meeting of the Methodological Expert Panel (MEP).<sup>4</sup> The report summarized the work of the MEP, including the products related to requirements for the methodologies, activities involving removals, and the revision of clean development mechanism (CDM) methodologies and methodological tools. Further, the Supervisory Body noted that the fourth meeting of the MEP is scheduled from 27 to 31 January 2025.
13. The Supervisor Body took note of the report of the second meeting of the Accreditation Expert Panel (AEP).<sup>5</sup> The report summarized the work of the AEP, including an update on applications received from designated operational entities (DOEs) for accreditation under the Article 6.4 mechanism. Further, the Supervisory Body noted that the third meeting of the AEP is scheduled for 3 February 2025.

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<sup>2</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A64-SBM014-AA.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> See [14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body \(SBM 014\)](#).

<sup>4</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-MEP003%20meeting%20report.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-AEP002.pdf>.

14. The Supervisory Body agreed to postpone its consideration of the selection of MEP members for the Article 6.4 mechanism” until the next meeting.
15. Taking into account the workload of the MEP in 2025 and the need to fulfil all its mandates, the Supervisory Body agreed that the MEP needs reinforcement, and requested the secretariat to provide a proposal on ways to increase the availability of expertise and expanded resources supporting the MEP for consideration at its next meeting.

#### **Agenda item 2.5. Designated national authorities**

16. The Supervisory Body took note that 94 designated national authorities (DNAs) were established as of 9 October 2024, and ten countries have submitted information on the fulfilment of the host Party participation requirements.<sup>6</sup>

### **Agenda item 3. Regulatory and procedural matters**

#### **Agenda item 3.1. Governance**

17. The Supervisory Body considered and adopted the procedure “Direct communication with stakeholders”, as contained in annex 2 to this report. This procedure replaces the “Procedure: Consideration of unsolicited letters to the Supervisory Body”, which was adopted by the Supervisory Body at SBM 004.

#### **Agenda item 3.2. Accreditation**

18. The Supervisory Body adopted the procedure “Performance monitoring of the Article 6.4 designated operational entities”, as contained in annex 3 to this report. In accordance with the procedure, the Supervisory Body noted that the secretariat will:
  - (a) Publish the DOE performance monitoring reports in accordance with the timelines as specified in the procedure; and
  - (b) Establish the electronic automation workflow to calculate the required performance monitoring indicators and to generate the DOE performance monitoring reports.

#### **Agenda item 3.3. Activity cycle**

19. The Supervisory Body considered and adopted the “Article 6.4 sustainable development tool”, as contained in annex 4 to this report. The Supervisory Body thanked the chair of the informal working group, Kristin Qui, its members and all the stakeholders for their valuable inputs to the draft tool.
20. In addition, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare the respective forms referred to in the A6.4 SD tool, which are:
  - (a) A6.4 Environmental and Social Safeguards Risk Assessment Form;
  - (b) A6.4 Sustainable Development Tool Form; and
  - (c) A6.4 Environmental and Social Management Plan Form.
21. In this regard, the Supervisory Body agreed that it shall become mandatory to apply the A6.4 SD tool to CDM project activities, or programmes of activities and component project activities PoA and CPAs therein, that may transition to the Article 6.4 mechanism when the forms referred to in paragraph 20 above are made publicly available on the website.

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<sup>6</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/national-authorities#country\\_ItoQ](https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/national-authorities#country_ItoQ).

22. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to prepare revisions of related regulations in the context of the structured review of regulations to reflect the requirements of the A6.4 SD tool, as mandated at SBM 010.
23. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the MEP, a concept note on the development of type-specific safeguard elements and criteria for other types of activities for its consideration at a future meeting.

### **Agenda item 3.4. Methodologies**

#### **(a). Work related to the guidance on the requirements for methodologies and activities involving removals**

24. The Supervisory Body considered and adopted the standard “Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies” and the standard “Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in annex 5 and annex 6 to this report, respectively.
25. The Supervisory Body requested the MEP to continue working on the development of methodological products, which is listed in the preliminary workplan of SBM for 2025, to be based on the relevant sections of the methodologies standard and removals standard referred to paragraph 24 above, taking into account the guidance below.
26. For further work related to reversal risk assessment, the Supervisory Body requested the MEP to consider and include in recommendations on the risk assessment tool:
  - (a) Whether upper limits are needed in respect of the risk rating (overall) or specific risk factors (within the tool), including options and science-based rationales for upper limit(s);
  - (b) Risk rating that constitutes a negligible risk;
  - (c) Any further categorization of risk;
  - (d) How remediation measures are taken into account in the risk assessment tool.
27. The Supervisory Body requested the MEP to consider possible exceptions to the application of paragraph 44(b) of the methodologies standard referred in paragraph 24 above. If an exception is recommended, the MEP shall include in their recommendation proposals of alternative approach(es) required to address consistency of implementation of paragraph 36 of the RMP with the requirements of paragraph 33 of the RMP. Any recommendation will be considered by the SBM at a future meeting.
28. For further work related to equitable sharing of mitigation benefits, the Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to establish a process for host Parties that wish to communicate their approach to the operationalisation of application of conditions specified by the DNAs that ensure that host Party mitigation benefits are retained.
29. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to update the “A6.4-SB010-A05 information note: Further work on the methodological products for the Article 6.4 mechanism”, taking into account the inputs provided at this meeting, for its consideration at the next meeting.

#### **(b). Recommendations to the CMA on requirements for methodologies and activities involving removals**

30. The Supervisory Body considered its recommendation to the CMA on methodology requirements and activities involving removals and agreed to recommend that the CMA:

- (a) Endorses the approach of the SBM and requests the CMA to provide any additional guidance to this approach;
- (b) Takes note of the adoption of the “Standard: Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies” (Annex 5, SBM 014) and the “Standard: Activities involving removals” (Annex 6, SBM 014);
- (c) Takes note that the SBM will expeditiously elaborate and implement the standards referred to above, while striving to ensure regulatory stability, and provide the CMA with a report on the progress made on the implementation of the methodologies standard as part of the annual report to the CMA (decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 24(d)), including the need for further guidance, if any.

### **Agenda item 3.5. Registry**

31. The Supervisory Body noted that no registry matters were considered at this meeting.

### **Agenda item 3.6. Policy matters**

32. The Supervisory Body noted that no policy matters were considered at this meeting.

## **Agenda item 4. Relation with stakeholders**

33. The Supervisory Body took note of an update on the capacity-building activities related to Article 6.4 mechanism.
34. The Supervisory Body met with registered observers for an informal interaction during the meeting. The observers presented views in relation to items on the agenda of this meeting. The Supervisory Body took note of the inputs and thanked the observers for their interaction. The list of registered observers to this meeting is contained in [annex 7](#) to this report.
35. The Supervisory Body considered public comments on the documentation of this meeting, which were made publicly available on the UNFCCC website, and thanked stakeholders for their comments.<sup>7</sup>
36. Observers to the fifteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body shall register with the secretariat three weeks before the start of that meeting. Any change to the meeting date will be communicated as appropriate.

## **Agenda item 5. Other matters**

37. The Supervisory Body requested members and alternate members to provide comments to the topic of the side event that it will host at the next Conference of the Parties in Baku, as proposed by the secretariat, by 14 October 2024. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to finalize the topic, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, and to put in place arrangements ahead of the side event.
38. The Supervisory Body agreed to its tentative calendar of meetings for 2025, as contained in [annex 8](#) to this report.
39. The Supervisory Body agreed to the provisional agenda for its fifteenth meeting, to be held in Bhutan, from 10 to 14 February 2025, as contained in [annex 9](#) to this report.

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<sup>7</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/calls-for-input>.

40. The Supervisory Body accepted with gratitude the offer from the Government of Bhutan to explore holding the fifteenth meeting of the Body in Bhutan and requested the secretariat to work with the host country on the logistical and legal arrangements accordingly.

## **Agenda item 6. Conclusion of the meeting**

41. The Body expressed its appreciation to the outgoing Chair, Ms. Maria AlJishi, and Vice-Chair, Mr. Martin Hession, for their leadership and dedication in chairing the meetings this year. The Body also thanked all outgoing members and alternate members for their hard work and dedication during their tenure.
42. The Chair summarized the main conclusions.
43. The proceedings of the open sessions of the meeting can be accessed via on-demand broadcast.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/Supervisory-Body-14/broadcast>.



## **Annexes to the report**

- Annex 1 - Information note: Preliminary workplan of the Supervisory Body 2025 (version 01.0)
- Annex 2 - Procedure: Direct communication with stakeholders (version 01.0)
- Annex 3 - Procedure: Performance monitoring of the Article 6.4 Designated Operational Entities (version 01.0)
- Annex 4 - Tool: Article 6.4 sustainable development tool (version 01.0)
- Annex 5 - Standard: Application of the requirements of Chapter V.B (Methodologies) for the development and assessment of Article 6.4 mechanism methodologies (version 01.0)
- Annex 6 - Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism (version 01.0)
- Annex 7 - Information note: List of registered observers at the fourteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)
- Annex 8 - Information note: Tentative calendar of meeting for 2025 (version 01.0)
- Annex 9 - Provisional agenda: Fifteenth meeting of the Supervisory Body (version 01.0)

## List of documents that have been edited or issued since the last meeting

### *Regulatory documents*

- Procedure: Article 6.4 accreditation (version 01.2)
- Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of methodologies and methodological tools (version 01.1)
- Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines (version 01.1)

### *Forms*

- Application for accreditation (version 01.1)
- Declaration of other offices performing validation and verification/certification functions (version 01.1)
- Desk review report (version 01.1)
- Non-Conformity (NC), Corrective Action (CA) and clearance report (version 01.1)
- On-site assessment report (version 01.1)
- Self-completeness check (version 01.1)

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