



**Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

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**SBI Chair informal document, including textual proposals,  
for consideration by the SBI in recommending a draft  
decision on arrangements for funding infrastructure and  
processes related to implementing the guidance on  
cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2,  
of the Paris Agreement for consideration and adoption at  
CMA 8**

**Informal document, including textual proposals, by the SBI Chair**

## **I. Introduction**

### **A. Mandate**

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), at its seventh session, expressed concern regarding the shortfall in resources for mandated tasks relating to Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement in the biennium 2024–2025 and noted the estimated funds needed for work relating to Article 6, paragraph 2, in the biennium 2026–2027.<sup>1</sup>
2. CMA 7 requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to consider, at its sixty-fourth session, the sufficiency and stability of funding for the operation and maintenance of the infrastructure under, technical expert reviews under and capacity-building activities in respect of Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes).<sup>2</sup>
3. To facilitate deliberations on the matter referred to in paragraph 2 above, SBI 64 requested the Chair of the SBI to prepare an informal document, including textual proposals, informed by the relevant views expressed by Parties at that session, as captured in an informal note,<sup>3</sup> for consideration at SBI 65 with a view to the SBI recommending a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption at CMA 8.<sup>4</sup>

### **B. Scope**

4. The SBI Chair prepared, under her own responsibility, this informal document in response to the request referred to in paragraph 3 above. The document outlines three approaches to funding the operation and maintenance of the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes, namely funding under the UNFCCC budgetary process, funding through usage-based fees and funding through user fees. The annex contains a draft CMA decision that:
  - (a) Presents options for developing funding arrangements to providing sufficient and stable funding for the operation and maintenance of the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes;
  - (b) Serves as a foundation for further developing the funding arrangements with the level of detail necessary to function in practice (such as including procedural steps and timelines, drawing on previous examples under the UNFCCC where possible).
5. In the draft decision:
  - (a) Curly brackets containing italicized text provide clarifying information on an option;
  - (b) Options under each of the three broad funding approaches are numbered;
  - (c) Sub-options are indicated as A, B, etc. and further options under those sub-options as (a), (b), etc.;
  - (d) Options for text within a paragraph are indicated using square brackets.

### **C. Possible action by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation**

6. The SBI may wish to consider this informal document and the textual proposals contained in the annex in developing recommendations for a draft decision for consideration and adoption at CMA 8.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision [19/CMA.7](#), para. 29.

<sup>2</sup> Decision [19/CMA.7](#), para. 27.

<sup>3</sup> Available at <https://docs.unfccc.int/documents/10000151>.

<sup>4</sup> [FCCC/SBI/2026/15](#), para. 202.

## II. Approaches to funding infrastructure, technical expert reviews and capacity-building activities under Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement

### A. Approach 1: UNFCCC budgetary process

7. Under approach 1, the implementation of activities under Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as Article 6.2 activities) would be supported by core budget funding.

8. Pursuant to decision [19/CP.28](#) and as per the methodology applied by the secretariat in developing the programme budget for the biennium 2024–2025,<sup>5</sup> the secretariat prepares programme budget proposals with activities classified under four categories: 1 (essential activities), 2 (long-term and recurring activities), 3 (temporary activities) and 4 (complementary activities). Most Article 6.2 activities are classified as category 2, as they support continuing mandates and ongoing work, with a smaller number classified as category 3, supporting the implementation of time-bound mandates. Under the established budget methodology, category 2 activities would ordinarily be considered for funding in the core budget, while category 3 activities would ordinarily be proposed for supplementary funding, subject to the applicable budget decisions of Parties. This would provide a more predictable basis for the implementation of those Article 6.2 activities that are recurring and long-term in nature.

9. If Parties wish to seek core budget funding for some or all Article 6.2 activities, the CMA could request the Executive Secretary to continue including the corresponding resource requirements in future programme budget proposals, in accordance with the applicable budgetary methodology and taking into account the three mandated core budget scenarios, i.e. zero nominal growth, zero real growth and actual needs.

10. A variation of this approach would involve meeting the resource requirements associated with the implementation of Article 6.2 activities through a combination of resources generated from fees associated with the operation of Article 6.2 and voluntary contributions, with voluntary contributions supplementing fee-based resources where necessary.

### B. Approach 2: usage-based fees

11. Under approach 2, Parties participating in cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as participating Parties) would be charged fees for using the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes. The fees would be set on the basis of the component(s) of the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes used and the extent of such use.

12. The following four options for structuring usage-based fees emerge from the views expressed by Parties at SBI 64:

(a) **Volume-based fee:** a fee applied to the total recorded number of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes first transferred and a fee applied to the total recorded number of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes used towards achievement of a nationally determined contribution or cancelled for other international mitigation purposes, reported for the previous calendar year, based on a set rate per internationally transferred mitigation outcome. Such a fee would be paid by participating Parties in arrears, and the total amount collected would be dependent on the volume of recorded transactions;

(b) **Cooperative approach fee:** a fee applied for each biennium for each reported cooperative approach in which a Party participates, set at a level aimed at providing the resources necessary for use of the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes (e.g. reviews of

<sup>5</sup> See document FCCC/SBI/2023/2, chap. IV.B.

initial reports and regular information reports, maintenance of authorizations, completion of consistency checks) that relate to the Party's participation in the cooperative approach during a biennium;

(c) **International registry fees:** annual fees collected from users of the international registry, potentially applicable to Parties with sections in the international registry, Parties connecting their own registry to the international registry and authorized entities that have holding accounts in the international registry. The fees collected under this option would apply to only part of the infrastructure and a subset of participating Parties;

(d) **Transaction-based fees:** fees applied at the level of individual transactions and activities to be covered under the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes. This option draws on experience in structuring fees applicable to other UNFCCC systems. While a transaction-based fee structure would facilitate cost recovery, its level of granularity may increase administrative complexity and cost.

13. The four above-mentioned options are not mutually exclusive; the options may be used in combination in a complementary manner.

14. Potential changes in user behaviour or transaction volumes following the introduction of such fees have not been taken into account in developing the options; consequently, whether the fees collected under each option would be sufficient to cover the full cost associated with the relevant Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes remains uncertain.

15. Several further considerations may be relevant in designing and implementing a usage-based fee structure:

(a) In terms of payment of fee(s), consideration of payment obligations among users of the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes, including consideration of how the costs would be covered if Parties agree to provide waivers for certain users;

(b) In terms of implementation of the fee structure and administration, consideration of the modalities for conducting periodic reviews of the fee(s) and updating the fee(s) to reflect evolving operational requirements, usage patterns and funding needs;

(c) In terms of non-payment of fee(s), consideration of how individual cases of non-payment would be addressed, including consideration of any associated administrative procedures and the implications for continued access by the user in question to the relevant Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes;

(d) In terms of the appropriate fee level, consideration of how usage-based fees could be set realistically in order to ensure sufficient funds are collected in a stable and reliable manner to meet operational costs, which are constant, taking into account that accurate usage data become available only after the fact.

### C. Approach 3: user fees

16. Under approach 3, the costs of funding the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes would be recovered from fees levied on participating Parties according to a scale of fees based on their participation in and benefit from the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes.

17. Subject to further elaboration and decision by the CMA, Participating Parties would be required to pay a fee based on either on a scale derived from the indicative scale of contributions applicable to the Convention and the Paris Agreement and recalculated to include only the participating Parties concerned, or on the basis of equal shares of the budget for the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes for the biennium.

18. To provide the secretariat with stability of funding and participating Parties with advance indication of the amount payable, a table of participating Parties, with their respective shares and contributions, would be presented for consideration and approval through the governance and budget approval process established by the CMA for the Article 6.2 funding arrangement. The table would be approved for the relevant biennium and updated as necessary to reflect changes in participation and any other parameters decided by Parties.

19. Under this approach, provisions will be necessary for addressing the non-payment of fees by a participating Party and managing situations in which a Party becomes a participating Party after the scale of fees for the current biennium has been set. Such provisions will help to avoid unintended incentives to delay participation and ensure equitable contributions by all participating Parties. Without such provisions, the secretariat may not be able to cover the agreed budget for the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes from the contributions received.

20. Setting the fee at the same level for each year of a biennium would both make payments more predictable and provide greater financial stability and is a practice appreciated by Parties.

21. Deriving the scale of fees for using the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes from the indicative scale of contributions applicable to the Convention and the Paris Agreement would be consistent with the principles underpinning the latter scale and with the emphasis placed by many Parties on equity, while recognizing the special circumstances of the least developed countries and small island developing States, which could be excluded from the obligation to pay user fees.

22. As with approaches 1 and 2, approach 3 could be combined with the other approaches. For example, user fees could be levied to cover the costs of the international registry (in this case, the user base for user fees would comprise the participating Parties using the international registry), while core budget funding could cover all other costs associated with the Article 6.2 infrastructure and processes. Alternatively, usage-based fees could be levied on authorized entities using the international registry and/or voluntary contributions could complement the income generated through fees.

#### **D. Administrative and other matters**

23. Approaches 2 and 3 would benefit from a trust fund being established for the purpose of receiving and administering the fees collected and any voluntary contributions provided by Parties to supplement the income generated through such fees.

24. The establishment of a trust fund for activities relating to Article 6.2 would require a mandate from Parties. Parties may wish to request the secretariat to take the necessary steps for its establishment. Such a fund would be established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, managed by the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC secretariat and administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the UNFCCC financial procedures.

25. Pending the selection of approach 2 or approach 3 and the consequent potential establishment and operationalization of such a trust fund, any voluntary contributions received for funding approved Article 6.2 activities may continue to be administered through the trust fund for supplementary activities, in accordance with established financial procedures and contribution agreements. The secretariat would determine, in consultation with the relevant United Nations offices and subject to the applicable financial procedures, whether fees received pursuant to this decision may also be administered through that trust fund. Once a dedicated Article 6.2 trust fund is established and becomes operational, any funds received for the purposes of Article 6.2 in the trust fund for supplementary activities would be transferred to and managed through the dedicated Article 6.2 trust fund, ensuring full alignment between the source of funding and its intended use. This interim arrangement facilitates the timely receipt and management of resources while the formal trust fund establishment process is being completed.

## Annex

### Draft decision -/CMA.8

#### **Arrangements for funding infrastructure, processes and capacity-building related to implementing the guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement**

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

*Recalling* decisions 2/CMA.3, 6/CMA.4, 4/CMA.6 and 19/CMA.7,

*Also recalling* decision 20/CP.30,

*Acknowledging* the importance for implementation of Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement of ensuring that funding for the operation and maintenance of the infrastructure, technical expert reviews and capacity-building activities under Article 6, paragraph 2, is adequate, predictable, reliable, stable and sustainable over time,

*Noting* the immediate funding needs associated with implementing, operating, maintaining and further developing the infrastructure, technical expert reviews and capacity-building activities under Article 6, paragraph 2,

1. *Notes* that the arrangements for funding infrastructure, technical expert reviews and capacity-building activities (collectively, the infrastructure and processes) under Article<sup>1</sup> 6, paragraph 2, are aimed at:

(a) Providing adequate, predictable and sustainable financial resources for the effective functioning of the infrastructure and processes;

(b) Enabling the transparent and efficient administration of financial resources for operating and maintaining the infrastructure and processes;

(c) Facilitating broad, meaningful participation by Parties in cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2, taking into account their respective capacities and national circumstances;

(d) Reflecting equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances;

(e) Applying the user-pays principle, as appropriate, and supporting the progressive self-financing of relevant infrastructure and processes;

(f) Avoiding the creation of barriers to participation in cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2, by imposing of undue financial burdens on developing country Parties, particularly the least developed countries and small island developing States, that wish to participate;

(g) Ensuring that the costs of operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and processes are borne only by Parties and entities participating in or benefiting from cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2 and not by Parties that do not participate in such approaches;

2. *Recognizes* that the aims set out in paragraph 1 above should be applied, as appropriate, in designing, implementing, administering and periodically reviewing the funding arrangements established pursuant to this decision;

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<sup>1</sup> Articles referred to in this decision are Articles of the Paris Agreement.

## I. Approach 1: UNFCCC budgetary process

3. *Takes note* that future programme budget proposals should continue to reflect the resource requirements associated with implementing activities under Article 6, paragraph 2, and those requirements should be considered by Parties in the context of the programme budget process and in line with decision 19/CP.28;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to continue presenting in future programme budget proposals the full resource requirements associated with the implementation of Article 6.2 activities, with a view to ensuring that the proposed budget adequately reflects the requirements arising from Article 6.2 mandates.

### Option 1: Additional funding approaches agreed

5. *Acknowledges* that, the implementation of a significant proportion of Article 6.2 activities will be supported through fees associated with the operation of Article 6.2 and that, while such fees are expected to contribute to the associated resource requirements, additional resources from voluntary contributions will continue to be required.

### Option 2: no additional funding approaches agreed

*{No text required}*

## II. Approach 2: usage-based fees

### Option 1: volume-based fee

#### Option 1A: participating Parties pay a volume-based fee

6. *Decides* that each Party participating in a cooperative approach under Article 6, paragraph 2, at the time of submission of the annual information referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 20, shall pay a fee for each internationally transferred mitigation outcome recorded as first transferred and a fee for each internationally transferred mitigation outcomes recorded as used towards achievement of a nationally determined contribution or cancelled for other international mitigation purposes;

7. *Also decides* that the fee referred to in paragraph 6 above shall initially be set at USD [0.20][X] per internationally transferred mitigation outcome;

8. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to review the amount of the fee referred to in paragraph 7 above every two years and recommend the fee level for the next biennium for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, with the first review to occur at SBI 70 (June 2029) with a view to recommending the fee level for the biennium 2030–2031 for consideration and adoption by CMA 11 (November 2029);

9. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, when undertaking the review referred to in paragraph 8 above, to note that the recommended fee level shall take into account:

(a) The aggregate number of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes expected to be recorded as first transferred and/or as used towards the achievement of a nationally determined contribution or cancelled for other international mitigation purposes, during the biennium;

(b) The expected costs of:

(i) Operating and maintaining the centralized accounting and reporting platform and the Article 6 database referred to in the annex to decision 2/CMA.3, including the consistency check process thereunder;

(ii) Undertaking the Article 6 technical expert reviews;

(iii) Operating and maintaining the international registry;

- (iv) Implementing the capacity-building activities of the secretariat relating to Article 6, paragraph 2;

**Option 1A(a): waivers from the fee**

10. *Decides* that the fee referred to in paragraph 6 above shall be waived for [the least developed countries and small island developing States][developing country Parties];
11. *Calls upon* participating Parties whose fees are waived in paragraph 10 above, who are in a position to do so, to make voluntary contributions to support the operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2;
12. *Decides* that Parties first transferring internationally transferred mitigation outcomes may deduct from the fee referred to in paragraph 6 above the issuance fees paid in respect of the activities hosted in that Party under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4;

**Option 1A(b): no waivers from the fee**

*{No text required}*

*{End of option 1A(b)}*

13. *Further decides* that, in the event that a participating Party fails to pay the fee referred to in paragraph 6 above, all internationally transferred mitigation outcomes recorded as first transferred and/or as used towards the achievement of a nationally determined contribution or cancelled for other international mitigation purposes shall be flagged as 'inconsistent' in the consistency check reports, including in the annual information of any acquiring participating Parties;

**Option 1B: no volume-based fee**

*{No text required}*

**Option 2: cooperative approach fee**

**Option 2A: participating Parties pay a fee per cooperative approach**

14. *Decides* that each participating Party, at the time of submission of an initial report or an updated initial report under Article 6, paragraph 2, shall pay a fee for each cooperative approach included in the respective initial report or updated initial report;
15. *Also decides* that the fee referred to in paragraph 14 above shall initially be set at USD [72,250][X] per cooperative approach;
16. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to review the amount of the fee referred to in paragraph 15 above every two years and recommend the fee level for the next biennium for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, with the first review to occur at SBI 70 (June 2029) with a view to recommending the fee level for the biennium 2030–2031 for consideration and adoption by CMA 11 (November 2029);
17. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, when undertaking the review referred to in paragraph 16 above, to note that the recommended fee level shall take into account:
  - (a) The expected aggregate number of cooperative approaches and the number of participating Parties during the biennium;
  - (b) The expected costs of:
    - (i) Operating and maintaining the centralized accounting and reporting platform and the Article 6 database, including the consistency check process thereunder;
    - (ii) Undertaking the Article 6 technical expert reviews;
    - (iii) Operating and maintaining the international registry;
    - (iv) Implementing the capacity-building activities of the secretariat relating to Article 6, paragraph 2;

**Option 2A(a): waivers from the fee**

18. *Decides* that the fee referred to in paragraph 14 above shall be waived for [the least developed countries and small island developing States][developing country Parties];

19. *Calls upon* participating Parties whose fees are waived in paragraph 18 above, who are in a position to do so, to make voluntary contributions to support the operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2;

20. *Also decides* that participating Parties participating in the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, shall not be required to pay the fee referred to in paragraph 14 above, in respect of the mechanism establish in Article 6, paragraph 4;

**Option 2A(b): no waivers from the fee**

*{No text required}*

*{End of option 2A(b)}*

21. *Further decides* that, in the event that a participating Party fails to pay the fee referred to in paragraph 14 above, the secretariat shall not provide any services related to a cooperative approach for which the fee has not been paid, including suspending access to the international registry by that participating Party;

**Option 2B: no cooperative approach fee**

*{No text required}*

**Option 3: participating Parties and authorized entities pay international registry fees****Option 3A: international registry fees**

22. *Decides* that each participating Party that requests the secretariat to establish a Party section in the international registry shall pay an annual Party-section fee of USD [25,000][X];

23. *Also decides* that each participating Party that requests the international registry administrator to connect its national registry to the international registry shall pay an annual registry connection fee of USD [50,000][X];

24. *Further decides* that each public or private entity authorized by a participating Party to have a holding account in that Party's section of the international registry shall pay an annual account keeping fee of USD [500][X], with the first fee payable upon opening of the account and the renewal fee payable 365 days later and on the anniversary of the opening of the account thereafter;

**Option 3A(a): waivers from the fee**

25. *Decides* that the fees referred to in paragraphs 22–23 above shall be waived for [the least developed countries and small island developing States][developing country Parties];

26. *Also decides* that the fee referred to in paragraph 24 above shall be waived for a public or private entity authorized by a [least developed country Party or small island developing States Party][developing country Party];

**Option 3A(b): no waivers from the fee**

*{No text required}*

*{End of option 3A(b)}*

27. *Authorizes* the international registry administrator, in the event of non-payment of the fees referred to in paragraphs 22–23 above by a participating Party, to deny or suspend operations in the section of the Party concerned, provided that [4][X] months since the beginning of the relevant calendar year have elapsed, the secretariat has issued two reminders for payment and a consultation has taken place with the Party prior to a final reminder being issued;

28. *Also authorizes* the international registry administrator, in the event of non-payment of the fee referred to in paragraph 24 above by an authorized public or private entity by the

date that the fee is due, to deny or suspend the holding account of the entity concerned, provided that the international registry administrator has issued reminders for payment 90 days and 30 days prior to the due date;

**Option 3B: no international registry fee**

*{No text required}*

**Option 4: participating Parties and authorized entities pay transaction-based fees**

**Option 4A: transaction-based fees**

29. *Decides* that participating Parties and, where applicable, entities authorized by participating Parties shall pay the fees specified in annex I, calculated in accordance with the fee basis set out therein, for individual transactions and activities related to the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2;

30. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to review the amount of the fee referred to in paragraph 29 above every two years and recommend the fee level for the next biennium for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, with the first review to occur in SBI 70 (June 2029) with a view to recommending a fee level for the biennium 2030–2031 for consideration and adoption by CMA11 (November 2029);

31. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, when undertaking the review referred to in paragraph 30 above, to note that the recommended fee level shall take into account:

(a) The expected aggregate number of relevant transactions and activities during the biennium;

(b) The expected costs of:

(i) Operating and maintaining the centralized accounting and reporting platform and the Article 6 database, including the consistency check process thereunder;

(ii) Undertaking the Article 6 technical expert reviews;

(iii) Operating and maintaining the international registry;

(iv) Implementing the capacity-building activities of the secretariat relating to Article 6, paragraph 2;

**Option 4A(a): waivers from the fees**

32. *Decides* that the fees referred to in paragraph 29 above shall be waived for [the least developed countries and small island developing States][developing country Parties];

33. *Also decides* that the fee referred to in paragraph 29 above shall be waived for a public or private entity authorized by a [least developed country Party or small island developing States Party][developing country Party];

34. *Calls upon* participating Parties whose fees are waived in paragraph 32 above to make voluntary contributions to support the operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2;

35. *Decides* that participating Parties in the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, shall not be required to pay the fees referred to in paragraph 29 above to the extent that such fees related to cooperative approaches and/or mitigation outcomes under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4;

**Option 4A(b): no waivers from fees**

*{No text required}*

*{End of option 4A(b)}*

36. *Also decides* that, in the event that a participating Party fails to pay the fees referred to in paragraph 29 above, the secretariat shall not undertake any services for which the fee

has not been paid, including suspending access to the international registry by that participating Party;

**Option 4B: no transaction-based fees**

*{No text required}*

### III. Approach 3: user fees

**Option 1: user-based scale of fees levied on participating Parties**

37. *Decides* that the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2, shall be funded, for the biennium 2028–2029, through user fees payable by the participating Parties listed in annex II, in accordance with the scale of fees set out therein;

38. *Adopts* the scale of fees for the biennium 2028–2029 contained in annex II, with the fees calculated to cover the budget of [XXXX] for the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2, for that biennium;

**Option 1A: basis for the scale of fees**

**Option 1A(a): scale of fees derived from the indicative scale of contributions applicable to the Convention and the Paris Agreement**

39. *Notes* that the scale of fees has been established by recalculating the indicative scale of contributions applicable to the Convention and the Paris Agreement to include only participating Parties and rescaling their respective shares proportionately so that they total 100 per cent;

**Option 1A(b): equal share of the budget**

40. *Notes* that the scale of fees has been established on the basis of the budget for the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2, for the biennium 2028–2029 being divided equally among the participating Parties;

41. *Decides* that the fee payable by a participating Party for the biennium 2028–2029 shall be calculated by multiplying the percentage applicable to that Party under the scale of fees by the budget for the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2, for that biennium, and that the total fee shall be payable in two equal annual instalments;

42. *Decides* that, if a participating Party becomes subject to the payment of fees during a biennium, its fee shall be calculated in accordance with the scale of fees established for that biennium and prorated for the period from the date on which it became subject to the payment of fees until the end of the biennium;

43. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to notify each participating Party listed in annex II of its fee for the biennium 2028–2029, as early as possible and, where possible, at least [4][X] months before the beginning of the first year of the biennium, and to notify any participating Party that becomes subject to the payment of a fee during the biennium of its prorated fee, calculated in accordance with the method described in paragraph [3940] above;

**Option 1B: voluntary contributions**

**Option 1B(a): calls for voluntary contributions from participating Parties not listed in the table and in a position to contribute**

44. *Calls upon* participating Parties that are not subject to user fees under this decision but in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions to support the operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2;

**Option 1B(b): does not call for voluntary contributions**

*{No text required}*

**Option 1C: non-payment of the fee**

**Option 1C(a): suspension by the Executive Secretary**

45. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary, in the event of non-payment of the fee referred to in paragraphs 4142 above by a participating Party, to suspend the access of the Party concerned to [the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2][the international registry], provided that such suspension does not take effect earlier than [4][X] months after the beginning of the calendar year for which the fee was applicable and occurs only after two reminders have been issued to the Party concerned, a consultation has taken place with the Party and a final reminder has been issued to the Party following the consultation;

**Option 1C(b): suspension subject to further decision of the CMA**

46. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in the event of non-payment of the fee referred to in paragraphs 4142 above by a participating Party, to notify the Party concerned and, following a consultation, to consider recommending to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement that the Party's access to [the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2][the international registry], be suspended;

**Option 1C(c): no suspension mechanism**

47. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in the event of non-payment of the user fee by a participating Party, to notify the Party concerned of the outstanding payment;

48. *Also requests* the secretariat to include, in the annual report on implementation of the guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in decision 2/CMA.3 for 2028 and 2029, the scale of fees, the fees assessed, the fees received, any outstanding amounts [and, as applicable, voluntary contributions received];

**Option 1D: self-financing**

**Option 1D(a): assessment and consideration of options for self-financing**

49. *Requests* the secretariat to include, in its report referred to in paragraph 48 above for 2028, a detailed assessment of options for making the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2, self-financing, including associated costs, potential sources of revenue, possible financing models, implementation considerations and, as appropriate, recommendations and possible timelines for progressively achieving self-financing, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its tenth session;

**Option 1D(b): no assessment for self-financing**

*{No text required}*

**Option 2: no user-based scale of fees**

*{No text required}*

## **IV. Administrative and other matters**

50. *Requests* the secretariat to take the steps necessary to establish a trust fund for the receipt of the fees referred to in this decision and any voluntary contributions for funding the operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and processes under Article 6, paragraph 2;

51. *Encourages* Parties in a position to do so to provide voluntary contributions to support the operation and maintenance of the infrastructure and processes, and associated activities, under Article 6, paragraph 2;

## Annex I

### Fees for Approach 2: usage-based fees, Option 4: transaction-based fees

*{The examples presented below are not mutually exclusive and fees may overlap, depending on how the fee structure is designed and implemented. Where multiple fee bases are identified, options that could be applied individually or in combination are presented. Similarly, where more than one payer is identified, responsibility for payment could be assigned to different entities depending on the final design of the funding arrangements.}*

Table 1  
Fees for using the Article 6 database

| Name                                      | Description of activity                                                                                                                                                                | Basis options                                                                 | Payer options       | Fee <sup>a</sup> |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Consistency check fee                     | Performing consistency checks and generating consistency check synthesis reports, user-friendly summary tables and disaggregated tables with information on inconsistencies identified | Per AEF submission<br>Per number of entries in the AEF submission             | Participating Party | TBD              |
| Pre-submission consistency check fee      | Conducting pre-submission consistency checks for draft annual information (optional, for voluntary use by participating Parties)                                                       | Per draft AEF submission<br>Per number of entries in the draft AEF submission | Participating Party | TBD              |
| Inconsistency notification processing fee | Processing identified inconsistencies and issuing notifications to participating Parties                                                                                               | Per notification<br>Per inconsistency in the submission                       | Participating Party | TBD              |
| Structured summary generation fee         | Compiling annual information submitted by participating Parties for inclusion in the format for the structured summary required as part of the biennial transparency report            | Per AEF submission<br>Per structured summary generated                        | Participating Party | TBD              |

Abbreviations: AEF = agreed electronic format, TBD = to be determined.

<sup>a</sup> Assessment is required to determine the fee necessary for cost recovery.

Table 2  
Fees for using the centralized accounting and reporting platform

| Name                                  | Description of activity                                                                                                        | Basis options                                       | Payer options                                | Fee <sup>a</sup> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Cooperative approach registration fee | Registering and updating information related to cooperative approaches, including assigning and maintaining unique identifiers | Per cooperative approach<br>Per participating Party | Participating Party                          | TBD              |
| Authorization publication fee         | Publishing authorizations and related information on the centralized accounting and reporting platform                         | Per authorization                                   | Participating Party submitting authorization | TBD              |
| Authorization update fee              | Processing and publishing amendments to previously                                                                             | Per amendment                                       | Participating Party                          | TBD              |

| <i>Name</i>                                                         | <i>Description of activity</i>                                   | <i>Basis options</i>                                    | <i>Payer options</i> | <i>Fee<sup>a</sup></i> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                     | submitted authorizations and related information                 |                                                         | submitting amendment |                        |
| Initial report and updated initial report submission processing fee | Processing initial report and updated initial report submissions | Per initial report or updated initial report submission | Participating Party  | TBD                    |
| Revised initial report submission processing fee                    | Processing revised initial report submissions                    | Per revised initial report submission                   | Participating Party  | TBD                    |
| Annual information submission processing fee                        | Processing annual information submissions                        | Per AEF submission                                      | Participating Party  | TBD                    |
| Regular information submission processing fee                       | Processing regular information submissions                       | Per regular information submission                      | Participating Party  | TBD                    |

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Table 3

**Fees for using the international registry**

| <i>Name</i>                       | <i>Description of activity</i>                                                                                                                        | <i>Basis options</i>                    | <i>Payer options</i>                                                                | <i>Fee<sup>a</sup></i> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Registry account opening fee      | Opening registry accounts following the submission of a Party section opening request form or a public or private entity account opening request form | Per submission of form (one-off fee)    | Participating Party requesting account opening<br>Entity requesting account opening | TBD                    |
| Registry account maintenance fee  | Administering registry accounts                                                                                                                       | Per account (annual fee)                | Account holder                                                                      | TBD                    |
| Registry account reactivation fee | Reactivating registry accounts                                                                                                                        | Per submission of form (one-off fee)    | Account holder                                                                      | TBD                    |
| Registry connection fee           | Establishing connections to the registry                                                                                                              | Per request (one-off fee)               | Participating Party requesting connection                                           | TBD                    |
| Unit transfer fee                 | Processing transfers of units between registry accounts                                                                                               | Per transaction<br>Per unit transferred | Participating Party conducting transaction<br>Entity requesting transaction         | TBD                    |
| Unit retirement fee               | Processing retirement actions within the registry                                                                                                     | Per transaction<br>Per unit retired     | Participating Party                                                                 | TBD                    |

| <i>Name</i>                                                      | <i>Description of activity</i>                                                                             | <i>Basis options</i>                          | <i>Payer options</i>                                                        | <i>Fee<sup>a</sup></i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                  |                                                                                                            |                                               | conducting transaction                                                      |                        |
|                                                                  |                                                                                                            |                                               | Entity requesting transaction                                               |                        |
| Unit cancellation fee                                            | Processing cancellation actions within the registry                                                        | Per transaction<br>Per unit cancelled         | Participating Party conducting transaction<br>Entity requesting transaction | TBD                    |
| First transfer charge                                            | Processing the addition of a first transfer designation to units                                           | Per transaction<br>Per unit first transferred | Participating Party conducting transaction<br>Entity requesting transaction | TBD                    |
| AEF pre-filling fee                                              | Providing automatic pre-filling of the AEF and other quantitative information from registry records        | Per AEF generated                             | Participating Party requesting generation                                   | TBD                    |
| Additional registry services fee                                 | Providing additional registry services pursuant to decision 4/CMA.6                                        | Annual fee                                    | Participating Party using service                                           | TBD                    |
| Unit issuance fee (part of the additional registry services fee) | Issuing mitigation outcomes as units, the use of which has been authorized or is intended to be authorized | Per transaction<br>Per unit issued            | Participating Party conducting transaction<br>Entity requesting transaction | TBD                    |

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Table 4

**Fees for participating in the Registry System Administrators Forum**

| <i>Name</i>                   | <i>Description of activity</i>                              | <i>Basis options</i> | <i>Payer options</i>                   | <i>Fee<sup>a</sup></i>     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| RSA Forum participation fee   | Supporting coordination and information-sharing activities  | Annual fee           | Participating Party designating an RSA | TBD                        |
| Technical support request fee | Providing dedicated technical support through the RSA Forum | Cost recovery        | Requesting Party                       | Varies by support provided |

*Abbreviations:* RSA = registry system administrator, RSA Forum = Registry System Administrators Forum, TBD = to be determined.

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Table 5

**Fees for application by the secretariat of standards and recommended practices**

| <i>Name</i>                     | <i>Description of activity</i>                                         | <i>Basis options</i> | <i>Payer options</i> | <i>Fee</i>                 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Elaboration and maintenance fee | Providing technical support on registry standards and interoperability | Cost recovery        | Requesting Party     | Varies by support provided |

Table 6

**Fees for Article 6 technical expert reviews**

| <i>Name</i>                                          | <i>Description of activity</i>                        | <i>Basis options</i>                          | <i>Payer options</i>             | <i>Fee<sup>a</sup></i> |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Initial report and updated initial report review fee | Reviewing initial reports and updated initial reports | Per cooperative approach<br>Per review report | Participating Party under review | TBD                    |
| Revised initial report review fee                    | Reviewing revised initial reports                     | Per cooperative approach<br>Per review report | Participating Party under review | TBD                    |
| Regular information review fee                       | Reviewing regular information                         | Per cooperative approach<br>Per review report | Participating Party under review | TBD                    |

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Table 7

**Fees for involvement in capacity-building activities**

| <i>Name</i>                            | <i>Description of activity</i>              | <i>Basis options</i> | <i>Payer options</i> | <i>Fee<sup>a</sup></i> |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Online training participation fee      | Participating in in online training courses | Per participant      | Participating Party  | TBD                    |
| Tailored capacity-building support fee | Providing country-specific advisory support | Per activity         | Requesting Party     | TBD                    |

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## Annex II

### Scale of fees for Parties participating in cooperative approaches under Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement for the biennium 2028–2029

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*The list of Parties in the table below is to be established by the CMA and may comprise:*

*Option 1: all participating Parties*

*Option 2: participating Parties that have expressed their intention to be subject to user fees*

*Option 3: all participating Parties except developing country Parties*

*Option 4: all participating Parties except the least developed countries and small island developing States*

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| <i>Party</i> | <i>Scale of fees (%)</i> | <i>Fee 2028</i>                 | <i>Fee 2029</i>                 |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| [Party]      | [XX.X]                   | [XX,XXX]                        | [XX,XXX]                        |
| [Party]      | [XX.X]                   | [XX,XXX]                        | [XX,XXX]                        |
| [Party]      | [XX.X]                   | [XX,XXX]                        | [XX,XXX]                        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>100.0</b>             | <b>[Biennium budget / 2028]</b> | <b>[Biennium budget / 2029]</b> |