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**Matters relating to the clean development mechanism**  
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**Decision -/CMP.18**

**Matters relating to the clean development mechanism**

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,*

*Recalling* Articles 3 and 12 of the Kyoto Protocol,

*Also recalling* decision 3/CMP.1 and subsequent guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol relating to the clean development mechanism,

*Acknowledging* the contribution to global efforts to address climate change of the clean development mechanism, which as at xx December 2023 was responsible for xx project activities being registered, xx programmes of activities being registered and more than xx billion certified emission reductions being issued, of which more than xx million had been voluntarily cancelled either in national registries or in the clean development mechanism registry,

*Cognizant of* decisions 3/CMA.3, 2/CMP.17 and -/CMA.5<sup>1</sup> and their annexes,

*Recognizing* the need for a smooth transition from the clean development mechanism to the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement,

**I. General**

1. *Welcomes* the annual report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;<sup>2</sup>
2. *Takes note* of the work undertaken from 9 September 2022 to 27 September 2023 by the Executive Board, its panels and the secretariat in overseeing the implementation of the clean development mechanism and maintaining stakeholder engagement in its operations;
3. *Designates* as operational entities those entities that have been accredited and provisionally designated as such by the Executive Board to carry out sectoral scope-specific validation and/or verification functions as set out in the annex;
4. *Clarifies* that Parties to the Kyoto Protocol with designated national authorities that have become non-operational and/or non-responsive shall be regarded as having designated their UNFCCC national focal point to receive communications intended for the designated national authority and respond on the Party's behalf;

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<sup>1</sup> Draft decision entitled "Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement" proposed under agenda item [14] of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fifth session.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/5.

## II. Functioning of the clean development mechanism beyond the end of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol

5. *Acknowledges* that the Executive Board agreed at its 118<sup>th</sup> meeting<sup>3</sup> that it was not technically feasible to allow submissions of requests for registration, issuance and renewal of afforestation and reforestation project activities and programmes of activities under the temporary measures adopted at its 108<sup>th</sup> meeting for the operation of the clean development mechanism after the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol;<sup>4</sup>

6. *Also acknowledges* that the Executive Board ceased receiving requests under the temporary measures referred to in paragraph 5 above on 30 June 2023, when the process for the submission of requests for transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism became operational;<sup>5</sup>

7. *Takes note* of the technical paper, prepared by the secretariat, on the functioning and operation of the processes and institutions under the clean development mechanism in the future;<sup>6</sup>

Option 1:

8. *Decides* to set the following deadlines under various processes under the clean development mechanism:

(a) For submitting requests for issuance of certified emission reductions: 31 December [2024] [2025];

(b) For submitting requests for the approval of post-registration changes: 31 December [2024] [2025];

(c) For submitting proposals for new CDM methodologies: [31 December [2023] [2024] [2025]] [until such time that an equivalent process becomes operational under the Article 6.4 mechanism];

(d) For submitting requests for revisions of approved CDM methodologies, methodological tools and standardized baselines: 31 December [2024] [2025];

(e) For submitting requests for clarification of approved CDM methodologies, methodological tools and standardized baselines: 31 December [2024] [2025];

(f) For submissions from DNAs on automatic additionality of microscale technologies and for recognition of special underdeveloped zones, and on a change in the definition of forest: 31 December [2023] [2025];

(g) For submitting requests pertaining to the accreditation of DOEs: 31 December [2024] [2025];

9. *Also decides* to maintain:

(a) CDM registry operations until [31 December 2025] [otherwise decided by the CMP];

(b) The CDM Methodologies Panel operations until 31 December [2025] [2026];

(c) The CDM Accreditation Panel operations until 31 December [2024] [2026];

(d) The stakeholder interaction defined within the processes mentioned in paragraph 8 above, including project participants, DNAs and DOEs, as long as the relevant CDM processes remain in operation;

Option 2:

▪ *Decides* to continue consideration at its next session of the functioning and operation of the processes and institutions under the clean development mechanism, including

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<sup>3</sup> Paragraph 24 of the EB118 meeting report.

<sup>4</sup> See document FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/5, para. 10.

<sup>5</sup> See document FCCC/KP/CMP/2023/5, para. 12.

<sup>6</sup> FCCC/TP/2023/3.

appropriate time frames, with a view to avoiding a gap before the corresponding processes under the Article 6.4 mechanism are operationalized;

End of Option 2

10. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a technical paper on the future operations of the CDM registry for consideration [by the SBSTA at its sixtieth session (June 2024)] [by the CMP at its nineteenth session (November 2024)] covering:

(a) The handling of CERs that remain in the CDM registry once process for submitting requests for issuance cease, including for CERs in the Adaptation Fund account;

(b) The length of time during which CDM project participants may process CDM registry transactions;

(c) The treatment of CERs held in the CDM registry for projects for which issuance was requested prior to 1 January 2018 and for which the share of proceeds for administration has not been paid;

(d) The linkage between CDM registry operations and the CDM information system and the ITL, including an analysis of options for future CDM registry operations that takes into account the operation of the CDM registry once disconnected from the ITL and its implications;

### **III. Management of financial resources**

*[Placeholder SBI Agenda Item 6 “Review of the status of the Trust Fund for CDM” recommendation]*

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