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Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and referred to in decision 3/CMA.3

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## **Recommendation to the CMA for inclusion in the draft CMA decision on guidance on the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement**

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

*Recalling* the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and the aims referred to therein,

*Also recalling* decision 3/CMA.3 and its annex, containing the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement,

*Further recalling* decision 7/CMA.4 and its annex I, which elaborates the processes defined in the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement,

### **I. Emission avoidance and conservation enhancement activities**

**Option 1** *{Emission avoidance and conservation enhancement activities may also result from emission reduction or removals activities}*

1. *Clarifies* that emission avoidance and conservation enhancement may also result from emission reduction or removals activities that meet the requirements of the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, that apply other related rules and guidance and an applicable methodology approved by the Supervisory Body;

**Option 2** *{Separate emission avoidance from conservation enhancement activities}*

2. *Clarifies* that there is no need for further guidance on conservation enhancement activities as these are already covered by removal activities under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4 and Article 5, paragraph 2;

3. *Decides* that emissions avoidance activities are not eligible under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4 and Article 5, paragraph 2;

**Option 3** *{Continuation of consideration of the matter at a future session}*

4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to continue its consideration of, and to develop, on the basis of the rules, modalities and procedures for the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its sixth session (November 2024), recommendations on whether Article 6, paragraph 4, activities could include emission avoidance and conservation enhancement activities;

## II. Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism registry

### Option 1 {*Transfer of authorized A6.4ERs*}

5. *Decides* that, in addition to the ability to pull and view data and information<sup>1</sup> on holdings and the action history of authorized A6.4ERs, the connection between the international registry<sup>2</sup> and the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism registry shall enable the transfer of authorized A6.4ERs from the mechanism registry to accounts within the Party-specific sections of the international registry;

6. *Also decides* that connections may be established between the mechanism registry and participating Party [registries][registry] for the same purposes as for establishing a connection of the mechanism registry with the international registry as referred to in paragraph 5 above, and that Parties that wish to connect a [Party] registry, including a Party-specific section of the international registry, to the mechanism registry shall ensure that the [Party] registry implements interoperability arrangements and initializes connectivity according to a secure interoperability protocol to be developed by the secretariat in collaboration with the Article 6 registry system administrators forum;

### Option 2: {*Acknowledgment of connection between participating Party registries and the mechanism registry and need for interoperability on that basis*}

7. *Decides* that a connection may be established between the mechanism registry and participating Party registries, and that Parties that wish to connect a registry to the mechanism registry shall ensure that the registry implements interoperability arrangements and initialize connectivity according to a secure interoperability protocol to be developed by the secretariat in collaboration with the Article 6 registry system administrators forum;

### Option 3 {*Specific measures to address limitations from the transfer of A6.4ERs*}

8. *Decides* that the connection between the international registry<sup>3</sup> and the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism registry shall have specific measures in place to address limitations that could happen from the transfer of authorized A6.4ERs from the mechanism registry to accounts within the Party-specific sections of the international registry.

### Option 4 {*No transfer of authorized A6.4ERs*}

{no text required}

## III. Authorization of Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions

9. *Decides* that, pursuant to paragraph 42 of the rules, modalities and procedures for the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism, the host Party of an Article 6, paragraph 4, activity shall provide to the Supervisory Body a statement on the authorization of A6.4ERs that may be issued for the activity, if the host Party authorizes the A6.4ERs for use towards achievement of NDCs and/or for other international mitigation purposes as defined in decision 2/CMA.3, at the latest before the submission of the [first] request for issuance of the A6.4ERs [and inclusion in the initial report under Article 6, paragraph 2];

10. [*Decides* that the host Party shall specify, in the statement referred to in paragraph 9 above, whether the authorization of A6.4ERs is for use towards achievement of NDCs, towards other international mitigation purposes as defined in decision 2/CMA.3, or towards either of these purposes;]

11. *Also decides* that, if the host Party authorizes A6.4ERs for use towards achievement of NDCs and/or for other international mitigation purposes in the statement referred to in 3/CMA.3, annex 1, paragraph 42 and in paragraph 9 above,

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to decision 3/CMA.3, annex, para. 63, and decision 6/CMA.4, annex I, para. 24.

<sup>2</sup> As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, para. 30.

<sup>3</sup> As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, para. 30.

**Option 1:** it shall provide in the statement relevant information on the authorization consistent with paragraph X of decision -/CMA.5<sup>4</sup>.

**Option 2:** it [may][shall] provide in the statement relevant information on the authorization, including, but not limited to:

- (a) [The maximum amount of A6.4ERs that the host Party authorizes for each purpose, as applicable;]
- (b) [The monitoring period applicable to the authorization and the possibility of extending the period of authorization, as applicable;]
- (c) [The alignment with long-term low-emission development strategies;]
- (d) [The durability of mitigation regarding any ex-post crediting period impacts;]
- (e) [The name of the activity from which the A6.4ERs originate;]
- (f) [The name(s) of the activity participants and the name of the designated national authority authorizing the A6.4ERs;]
- (g) [The vintages of A6.4ERs;]

*{End of option 2}*

12. *Further decides* that if the host Party authorizes A6.4ERs for other international mitigation purposes, the statement referred to in paragraph 9 above shall specify how the host Party defines “first transfer” consistently with paragraph 2(b) of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3, pursuant to paragraph 42 of the rules, modalities and procedures for the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism;

13. *Also decides* that the [first] request for issuance of A6.4ERs for an Article 6, paragraph 4, activity may be submitted to the secretariat only after the host Party has provided such a statement and clarifies that where no statement has been provided, mitigation contribution A6.4ERs may still be requested by the activity proponent;

14. *Decides* that the host Party may at any time provide to the Supervisory Body a statement that it authorises mitigation contribution A6.4ERs already issued, for use towards achievement of NDCs and/or for other international mitigation purposes as defined in decision 2/CMA.3;

**Option 1:** *{Changes to the statement of authorization}*

15. *Decides* that the host Party may provide conditions or circumstances for, and timing of, possible changes to the statement, and the implications thereof when submitting the statement referred to in paragraph 9 above;

16. *Also decides* that the host Party may change the statement under circumstances specified in paragraph X of decision -/CMA.5<sup>5</sup> which shall apply to future requests for issuance and may also apply to the A6.4ERs already issued but not first transferred;

**Option 2:** *{No changes to the statement of authorization}*

*{No text required}*

## IV. Other matters

**Option 1** *{National arrangements – for consideration at CMA 6}*

17. *Reiterates* the request<sup>6</sup> to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to continue consideration of, and to develop, on the basis of the rules, modalities and procedures for the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism, for consideration and adoption by the

<sup>4</sup> Draft decision entitled “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement” proposed under agenda item 13(a) of the SBSTA at its fifty ninth session.

<sup>5</sup> Draft decision entitled “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement” proposed under agenda item 13(a) of the SBSTA at its fifty ninth session.

<sup>6</sup> Decision 7/CMA.4, para. 8.

Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its sixth session (November 2024), recommendations on further responsibilities of the Supervisory Body for the mechanism and of Parties that host Article 6, paragraph 4, activities in order for such host Parties to elaborate on and apply national arrangements for the mechanism under the approval and supervision of the Supervisory Body;

18. *Invites* Parties and observer organizations to submit, via the submission portal,<sup>7</sup> by 15 March 2024, their views on the matters referred to in paragraph 17 above, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixtieth session (June 2024);

**Option 2 {National arrangements – for consideration as part of RMPs review at CMA 10}**

19. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to develop, on the basis of the rules, modalities and procedures for the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism, as part of the recommendations for the review of the rules, modalities and procedures and for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its tenth session (2028) referred to in paragraphs 10–11 of decision 3/CMA.3, recommendations on further responsibilities of the Supervisory Body for the mechanism and of Parties that host Article 6, paragraph 4, activities in order for such host Parties to elaborate on and apply national arrangements for the mechanism under the approval and supervision of the Supervisory Body.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.