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**Minister Ms. Grace Fu Hai Yien and Minister Mr. Simon Watts
Ministerial Pair for informal consultations on Article 6**

Dear Colleagues,

The COP29 Presidency has continuously underscored the importance of completing work related to Article 6 as part of our vision to enhance ambition and enable action. This will therefore be a key focus of the upcoming negotiations in Baku.

Achieving consensus on outstanding matters related to Article 6.2 and Article 6.4, leading to the full operationalisation of cooperative approaches under the Paris Agreement, represents a significant opportunity. It will support us to advance global climate cooperation through high-integrity carbon markets, restore confidence in market mechanisms, elevate ambition in both mitigation and adaptation, mobilise financial and technical resources, and enable Parties to meet their climate goals, as well as those of the Paris Agreement.

Despite progress this year, including the groundwork laid in Bonn, achieving consensus among the Parties remains challenging. However, we are genuinely optimistic about the potential to deliver results at COP29.

It is in this context that I appoint you as the Ministerial Pair for Article 6, and I sincerely appreciate your readiness and dedication to this mission. Your role is to undertake consultations on my behalf with Groups and Parties and to help build momentum as we approach COP29.

This letter sets forth the mandate and the modalities for the engagement.

Scope of the COP29 Ministerial Pair for Article 6

By facilitating focused informal consultations, engaging with key stakeholders and counterparts, and convening the Parties leading up to and during COP29, you will play an important role in steering the negotiations, bringing Parties closer to landing zones, and building consensus on the outstanding issues.

We invite the Ministerial Pair to convene informal consultations specifically with Parties who are actively working to resolve their differences regarding Article 6. We also ask the Ministerial Pair and their teams to engage with Heads of Delegation (HoDs) as necessary to advance negotiations and explore innovative solutions.

Guiding questions

I kindly ask you to lead consultations centred around the following guiding questions:

What convergence and/or resolution is needed to finalise guidance for the issues of: (a) authorisation for ITMOs and A6.4ERs; and (b) on registries?

Since there are multiple ways to report information on participation in cooperative approaches, can parties be given flexibility in their approach to authorisation?

Are changes or revocations to authorisation permissible, and if so, when and under what circumstances?

Can the UNFCCC-provided Article 6.2 International Registry have both the functionalities of: (a) holding and transferring ITMOs; and (b) “pulling-and-viewing” ITMO data? If so, what additional provisions are required to realise both functionalities?

Can we achieve the full operationalisation of the Article 6.4 mechanism (The Paris Agreement Crediting Mechanism—PACM) by endorsing, through the respective CMA decision, the Supervisory Body’s work and requesting it expedite its work?

Timeline, format, and next steps

As Ministerial Pair, your consultations are set to take place over the weeks leading up to and during COP29. To ensure momentum, I suggest you develop a comprehensive engagement plan to hear the diversity of views amongst Groups and Parties. Your consultations should be structured around the key outstanding issues in the negotiations, with a view to seek early consensus on these issues.

From 5 to 9 October, the 14th Meeting of the 6.4 Supervisory Body (SBM 014) is taking place in Baku to address key issues outstanding in the operationalisation of the Article 6.4 Mechanism, such as the adoption of a Sustainable Development Tool ahead of COP29. Following SBM 014, we request that the Ministerial Pair help the Presidency facilitate discussions at Pre-COP, where potential solutions to the most contentious issues can be developed and considered. Further informal consultations should be undertaken on the road to, and at COP29.

Your leadership and dedication will be essential in fostering consensus among Parties, ensuring that negotiations on Article 6 remain on track, and delivering outcomes at COP29 that allow us to enhance ambition and enable action.

I look forward to working alongside you.

Yours truly,

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