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Subject: Informal input to the next SB Art6.4 meeting concerning removals

Dear members and alternate members of the Art. 6.4. SB, only shortly, we became aware of your very detailed and elaborated work on removals. We think the relevance of removal projects will increase significantly following the need of corporates and countries to reach their neutrality targets. Nevertheless, removal projects are a new universe in UN market-based mechanisms and with this, methodologies need to be developed carefully to address permanence and carbon reversals.

From our perspective, the initial focus should be on nature-based removal projects as only these project types may have co-benefits for biodiversity and food security. Of course, nature-based removal is complex, but if properly designed, it can contribute over a long time to emission removals. We see from your paper that you have already invested a lot of work, but we are convinced it's worth the effort to clarify the final details and remove potential contradictions. For this, we would like to suggest a stakeholder workshop in the near future to address open issues and unclear definitions. With considerable small additional efforts, it will be possible to get good removal standards/methodologies. For such kind of workshop we can develop more detailed and elaborated input than we can do now shortly before your meeting. We do not object to engineering-based removals and suggest keeping all options on the desk. But it should be recognised the nascent phase of these technologies and the questions of how relevant and to which extent carbon offsets may play a role in supporting significantly capital-intensive interventions. This should be kept in mind, and priorities need to be defined.

Kind regards
(on behalf of the PD Forum membership)



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