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Dear Article 6.4 Supervisory Body,

On behalf of the global membership of the International Sustainable Forestry Coalition (ISFC) we would like to submit this input in response to the Call for input 2025 - Issues included in the annotated agenda and related annexes of the sixteenth meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body.

ISFC is composed of 17 global forestry and forest-sector organisations, representing more than 18 million hectares in 37 countries. ISFC was established in 2023 to convene the global forestry sector around its role in mitigating the twin climate and nature crises, by contributing the development of a global natural capital framework and helping society build a nature positive bioeconomy.

In response to this call for input, ISFC are concerned with the inclusion of language from the removals standard ([A6.4-SBM014-A06](#) - Standard: Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism) in the draft activity standard ([A6.4-SBM016-AA-A12](#) - Draft standard: Article 6.4 activity standard for projects. Using monitoring reports (and the associated monitoring and verification costs) is not necessary for reversal reporting and would represent an overwhelming cost burden in the forest sector as well as an investment risk. This is an unnecessary and unusual approach that would effectively exclude participation by the land sector. The mandate of Article 6.4 is to allow for wide sectoral inclusion under the Paris Agreement. We urge the Supervisory Body to consider that a different form of reporting may be required and appropriate for reversal reporting, especially in the post-crediting period.

If you have any questions related to the above input, please get in touch with me, Director of Policy at ISFC. We look forward to future opportunities to provide input to the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body, and commend the Supervisory Body on all of their work in establishing this important global mechanism.

All the best,

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