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Annotations to the agenda

Agenda item 1. Agenda and meeting organization

Agenda item 1.1. Opening

1. ► **Action:** The Chair of the Article 6.4 Mechanism Supervisory Body (hereinafter referred to as the Supervisory Body) shall ascertain whether: (a) the members present constitute a quorum; and (b) proper justification has been provided for the absence of any member or alternate member.

Background: Paragraph 46 of the "Rules of procedure of the Supervisory Body" (RoP) stipulates that at least three fourths of the members, including alternate members only when they are acting as members, shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Supervisory Body.¹

Agenda item 1.2. Adoption of the agenda

2. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to adopt the proposed agenda for the meeting.

Background: The proposed agenda for the meeting of the Supervisory Body will be presented for adoption.

Agenda item 2. Governance and management matters

Agenda item 2.1. Membership issues

3. ► **Action:** Members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body may wish to declare whether they have any conflict of interest relating to any issues on the agenda of the meeting.

Background: As per paragraph 26 of the RoP, members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body shall avoid actual, potential and perceived conflicts of interest and shall declare any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest at the start of a meeting.

Agenda item 2.2. Strategic planning and direction

4. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to provide guidance on the key messages to be conveyed in its annual report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) at its fifth session (CMA 5).

Background: The Supervisory Body's annual report to the CMA is to be finalized at its next meeting (i.e. seventh meeting). At this meeting, the Body is to agree on the messages it wishes to convey to the CMA.

¹ See decision 7/CMA.4, annex II contained in document FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/10/Add.2.

5. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of the updated “Workplan of the Supervisory Body 2023”, as contained in annex 1 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fourth meeting, approved its workplan 2023 and requested the secretariat to include any new mandates arising from meetings in future versions of the workplan for the Supervisory Body to take note of.

6. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to continue considering the work undertaken on various areas, as part of the outcomes of its strategy session.

Background: The Supervisory Body held its strategy session on 5–6 March 2023 to address issues of a strategic nature in the operationalization of the Article 6.4 mechanism and agreed to further work on various areas, such as: (a) the development of a strategic vision that will help to guide the Supervisory Body in the implementation of the mechanism; (b) the development of a communication strategy for the Article 6.4 mechanism; and (c) the modalities of work for the Supervisory Body.

Agenda item 2.3. Matters related to the Article 6.4 mechanism

7. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to approve the “Standard and procedure for transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, considered the draft standard and procedure for transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism and agreed to start the process of receiving requests for transition from project participants on 30 June 2023. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to operationalize the submission interface on the UNFCCC website on that date. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to revise the draft transition standard and procedure, based on its guidance, for its consideration at the sixth meeting.

8. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to provisionally approve the procedure “Article 6.4 mechanism activity cycle procedure for projects”, as contained in annex 3 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, considered the draft procedure “Article 6.4 mechanism activity cycle procedure for projects” and requested the secretariat to revise the draft procedure, based on its guidance, for its consideration at the sixth meeting.

9. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and provide guidance on the draft “Article 6.4 mechanism activity standard for projects”, as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, considered, based on the presentation by the secretariat, key issues for developing the Article 6.4 mechanism activity standard for projects, and provided guidance on possible means to prevent or address double registration and double issuance for inclusion in the activity standards and validation and verification standards.

10. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to approve the procedure “Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools” and the procedure “Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines”, as contained in annex 5 and annex 6 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, considered the draft procedure for the development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools and those for standardized baselines, and requested the secretariat to update the draft procedure for consideration by the Supervisory Body at its sixth meeting, taking into account the feedback provided.

11. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and provide guidance on:

- (a) The concept note on “Proposals and options to operationalize baseline contraction factor, avoid 'lock-in levels of emissions' and address leakage in the draft recommendation on requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies”, as contained in annex 7 to these annotations;
- (b) The draft recommendations on “Requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies”, as contained in annex 8 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, requested the secretariat to further work on the draft elements for the recommendations on requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies, taking into account guidance from the Supervisory Body at that meeting. In particular, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare draft recommendations for consideration at its sixth meeting, including: (a) Proposals to frame, implement or operationalize the elements discussed at the meeting, taking into account the inputs of members; (b) Options to reflect different views expressed by members of the Supervisory Body at this meeting as options to address the requirements; and (c) Proposals for potential consolidation or grouping of options to implement the different elements through a common option. Further, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat, in conducting the above tasks, to prepare and present a concept note on proposals and options to implement or operationalize elements in line with guidance and questions elaborated by the Supervisory Body at its fifth meeting, as contained in annex 1 to that meeting report, drawing on previous work, reflecting concerns expressed by members and alternate members, and taking into account previous public input.

12. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and provide guidance on the draft information note “Compilation of the public inputs on removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in annex 9 to these annotations, and input to the draft elements for the recommendation on removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism, as contained in annex 14 to the annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, considered the information notes on removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism and the summary of the views submitted by Parties and observers on activities involving removals, and agreed to launch a call for structured public consultation. The Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare a compilation of all public inputs received so far on activities involving removals, as well as to produce an information note on the elements contained in part 2 of annex 2 to the SB005 report, according to the mode of work specified in the introduction to that annex. To support balance, clarity and accuracy in the development of an information note

on elements, the Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, agreed that the note will be published one week prior to the sixth meeting of the Supervisory Body, to allow for a thorough review.

13. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and provide guidance on the concept note “Availability of Article 6.4 mechanism DOEs”, as contained in annex 10 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, considered the options on the temporary solutions to address availability of Article 6.4 mechanism designated operational entities (DOEs) proposed in the concept note on the development of Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation standards and procedures, and requested the secretariat to develop a concept note on temporary solutions to address the lack of DOEs for the Article 6.4 mechanism.

14. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to provide guidance on the modalities for operation of the 6.4 mechanism registry.

Background: The CMA, through decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paragraphs 55, 58–61, and 63–65, requested the Supervisory Body to develop Article 6.4 mechanism registry requirements and modalities for its operation.

15. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and provide guidance on the concept note “Establishment of Article 6.4 mechanism DNA forum”, as contained in annex 11 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fifth meeting, requested the secretariat to prepare a concept note on the establishment of the Article 6.4 designated national authorities (DNA) forum for its consideration at its future meeting.

16. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of the update on the status of recruitments in support of the implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism Resource Allocation Plan (RAP).

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its third meeting, approved its RAP 2023 and requested the secretariat to expedite the staffing of dedicated resources and ensure that they are adequately deployed to support work, in particular with regard to the strategic direction and the operationalization of the mechanism.

Agenda item 3. Relation with stakeholders

17. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and provide guidance the concept note “Engagement with the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and its Facilitative Working Group”, as contained in annex 12 to these annotations.

Background: The CMA, through decision 3/CMA.3, paragraph 5(h), requested the Supervisory Body to consider opportunities to engage with the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and its Facilitative Working Group.

18. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider and provide guidance the concept note “Consideration of the gender action plan”, as contained in annex 13 to these annotations.

Background: The CMA, through decision 3/CMA.3, paragraph 5(i), requested the Supervisory Body to consider the gender action plan and the incorporation of relevant actions into the work of the Supervisory Body.

19. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to interact with registered observers.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its first meeting, agreed to interact with registered observers (in person and virtually) at the end of each meeting.

20. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider public comments on documentation of this meeting.

Background: The Supervisory Body shall receive public comments, including from stakeholders, on meeting documentation until one week prior to the meeting, unless otherwise decided by the Chair.

Agenda item 4. Other matters

21. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of the 41 DNAs established as of 26 June 2023, as listed on the UNFCCC website.²

Background: The CMA, in decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 26(c), decided that each host Party of Article 6.4 activities shall, prior to participating in the mechanism, ensure that it has designated a national authority for the mechanism and has communicated that designation to the secretariat.

22. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider any other business it deems necessary.

Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting

23. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to approve the report of the sixth meeting.

Background: The Chair will summarize the meeting and adopt the report, including references to any decisions taken, as per the rules, modalities and procedures.

² See the webpage <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/national-authorities>.

Annexes to the annotations

- Annex 1 - Information note: Workplan of the Supervisory Body 2023
- Annex 2 - Standard and procedure for transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism
- Annex 3 - Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism activity cycle procedure for projects
- Annex 4 - Standard: Article 6.4 mechanism activity standard for projects
- Annex 5 - Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools
- Annex 6 - Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines
- Annex 7 - Concept note: **Proposals and options to operationalize baseline contraction factor, avoid 'lock-in levels of emissions' and address leakage in the draft recommendation on requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies**
- Annex 8 - Draft recommendation: Requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies
- Annex 9 - Information note: Compilation of the public inputs on removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism
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- Annex 12 - Concept note: Engagement with the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and its Facilitative Working Group
- Annex 13 - Concept note: Consideration of the gender action plan
- Annex 14 - Information Note: Draft elements for the recommendation on activities involving removals**

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