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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 consider 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, and to provide an update on the status of work on a regular basis.

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

¹ See decision 7/CMA.4, annex II contained in document FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/10/Add.2 available at: https://unfccc.int/event/cma-4#decisions_reports.

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

6. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider the draft “Standard and procedure for transition of the clean development mechanism (CDM) activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in annex 2 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fourth meeting, considered the concept note “Process for transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism” and requested the secretariat to draft a standard and procedure for the process based on the proposals contained in the concept note.

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

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fourth meeting, considered the concept note “Development of activity standard, validation and verification standard and activity cycle procedure” and requested the secretariat to draft activity standards, drawing on the corresponding documents developed for the CDM, with modifications to accommodate the requirements in rules, modalities and procedures (RMPs) and their elaboration adopted at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), as well as to reflect the guidance provided by the Supervisory Body.

8. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider the concept note “Development of Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation standards and procedures” (version 02.0), as contained in annex 4 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fourth meeting, considered the concept note “Development of Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation standards and procedures” and provided guidance to the secretariat to be taken into account in the revised concept note.

9. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider the draft “Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools ” and the draft “Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baseline development”, as contained in annexes 5 and 6 to these annotations.

Background: The Supervisory Body, at its fourth meeting, provided guidance to the secretariat on the concept note “Process for the development of methodologies, methodological tools and standardized baselines” and requested the secretariat to prepare the draft procedure for the development of methodologies and methodological tools, taking this guidance into account.

10. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider the information note “Draft elements for the recommendation on requirements for the development and assessment

of mechanism methodologies” and the information note “Compilation of public inputs in response to the “public consultation: Requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies” and related literature”, as contained in annexes 7 and 8 to these annotations respectively.

Background: The CMA, through decision 7/CMA.4, paragraph 21, requested the Supervisory Body to elaborate and further develop recommendations, on the basis of the RMPs, for consideration and adoption by the CMA at its fifth session, on the application of the requirements referred to in chapter V.B (Methodologies) of the RMPs. At its fourth meeting, the Supervisory Body agreed that an informal working group comprising its members and alternate members as well as the secretariat would work on this matter prior to its next meeting. It further requested the secretariat to launch a call for public input to stakeholders.

11. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider the information notes “Removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism” and “Summary of the views submitted by Parties and observers on activities involving removals”, as contained in annexes 9 and 10 to these annotations.

Background: The CMA, through decision 7/CMA.4, paragraph 20, requested the Supervisory Body to consider the views of Parties and observers in elaborating and further developing recommendations on activities involving removals, on the basis of the RMPs, and taking into account the mandate provided to the Supervisory Body contained in paragraph 24(a)(ix) of the RMPs, for consideration and adoption by the CMA at its fifth session. At its fourth meeting, the Supervisory Body considered the information note “Removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism” and requested the secretariat to prepare an updated version of the information note, taking into account the guidance and questions contained in annex 2 to the fourth meeting report and views from the Parties and observers. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to prepare a summary of the views submitted by Parties and observers in response to the call for submissions on activities involving removals that was launched following decision 7/CMA.4, paragraph 19, and to take the summary into account while updating the information note.

12. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to consider the information note “Progress report on the implementation of the work programme on capacity building for Article 6.4 mechanism”, as contained in annex 11 to these annotations.

Background: The CMA, through decision 3/CMA.3, paragraph 14, requested the secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres and in consultation with the Supervisory Body, to design and implement, in consultation with Parties, a capacity-building programme to assist Parties wishing to voluntarily participate in the mechanism. At its second meeting, the Supervisory Body took note of the information note on the capacity-building work programme on Article 6.4 and provided feedback. The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to report back on the status of its implementation on a regular basis.

13. ► **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

14. ► **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.

15. ► **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

16. ► **Action:** The Supervisory Body may wish to take note of the 37 designated national authorities established as of 17 May 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.

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

Agenda item 5. Conclusion of the meeting

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

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

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 - Draft: Standard and procedure for transition of CDM activities to the Article 6.4 mechanism
- Annex 3 - Draft Procedure: Article 6.4 mechanism activity cycle procedure for projects
- Annex 4 - Concept note: Development of Article 6.4 mechanism accreditation standards and procedures
- Annex 5 - Draft Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools
- Annex 6 - Draft Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baseline development
- Annex 7 - Information note: Draft elements for the recommendation on requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies
- Annex 8 - Information note: Compilation of public inputs in response to the “public consultation: Requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies” and related literature
- Annex 9 - Information note: Removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism
- Annex 10 - Information note: Summary of the views submitted by Parties and observers on activities involving removals
- Annex 11 - Information note: Progress report on the implementation of the work programme on capacity building for Article 6.4 mechanism

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