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# Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism

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## COVER NOTE

### 1. Procedural background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), at its fourth session, requested the Supervisory Body of the Article 6.4 Mechanism to elaborate and further develop recommendations on activities involving removals, for its consideration and adoption at the fifth session. The CMA further requested the Supervisory Body, while developing the recommendations, to consider the views of Parties and admitted observer organizations received in response to the request for submissions contained in decision 7/CMA.4, paragraph 19, broader inputs from stakeholders provided in a structured public consultation process<sup>1</sup> and the mandate provided to the Supervisory Body contained in paragraph 24(a)(ix) of the annex to decision 3/CMP.3 “Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement” (RMP).
2. At its fourth meeting, the Supervisory Body requested the secretariat to prepare an updated version of the document “Information note: Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism”, considering the guidance and questions contained in annex 2 to the SB 004 meeting report<sup>2</sup> and the views of Parties and observers submitted in response to the call for submissions pursuant to decision 7/CMA.4, paragraph 19.
3. At its fifth meeting, the Supervisory Body considered the information notes “Removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism”<sup>3</sup> and “Summary of the views submitted by Parties and observers on activities involving removals”<sup>4</sup> and agreed to launch a call for structured public consultation based on the information note “Guidance and questions for further work on removals”,<sup>5</sup> to be open from 5 to 19 June 2023.
4. At its sixth meeting the Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to:
  - (a) Update the information note “Compilation of the public inputs on removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism”<sup>6</sup> to further incorporate submissions to the structured consultations undertaken in June-July 2023, taking into account the

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<sup>1</sup> See decision 7/CMA.4, paragraphs 21 and 22, for the request, contained in document FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/10/Add.2 available at: <https://unfccc.int/documents/626570>.

<sup>2</sup> Annex 2 of the SB 004 meeting report titled “Information note: Guidance and questions for further work on removals (v.01.0) is available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb004-a02.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Annex 9 to the annotations of the SB 005 meeting, available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb005-aa-a09.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Annex 10 to the annotations of the SB 005 meeting, available at <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb005-aa-a10v1.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> Annex 2 of the SB 005 meeting report, available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb005-a02.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> A6.4-SB007-AA-A13 - Information note: Compilation of the public inputs on removal activities under the Article 6.4 mechanism, found at: [7th meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body \(SB 007\) | UNFCCC](#)

guidance for the information note's compilation and contents provided at the fifth meeting of the Supervisory Body (A6.4-SB005-A02);

- (b) Update the information note "Draft elements for the recommendation on activities involving removals"<sup>7</sup>, based on guidance from the Supervisory Body at its sixth meeting, including Part I and Part II of the written consultation, and public consultations to inform the Supervisory Body's consideration of corresponding draft recommendations below at its seventh meeting, following the guidance for the note's compilation and contents provided at the fifth and sixth meeting of the Supervisory Body;
  - (c) Prepare draft recommendations for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Supervisory Body, based on outputs from the fourth to the sixth meeting of the Supervisory Body, guidance from the sixth meeting of the Body, including Part I and Part II of the written consultation, recommendations on removals from the third meeting of the Body, and guidance from the informal group on removals on preliminary draft recommendations shared prior to the seventh meeting of the Supervisory Body.
5. At its seventh meeting the Supervisory Body considered the initial draft recommendation on removals, advanced the text based on the discussions during the meeting, and agreed to include the updated draft recommendation document in the meeting report as an annex<sup>8</sup>. The Supervisory Body requested the informal working group on removals to further work on the draft recommendation and update it for consideration and adoption by the Supervisory Body at the next meeting, in order to forward a final recommendation to CMA 5. The Supervisory Body also requested the secretariat to undertake an editorial check and a comprehensive consistency check of the document, including in relation to related standards and procedures, such as the draft recommendation on requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies.

## 2. Purpose

6. The purpose of this document is to advance the work of the Supervisory Body to elaborate and further develop draft recommendations, on activities involving removals.

## 3. Current Work

7. This document is prepared in response to the mandate from the Supervisory Body as reflected in paragraph 5 above.<sup>9</sup>

## 4. Subsequent work and timelines

8. Further work will be carried out as may be deemed necessary by the Supervisory Body.

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<sup>7</sup> A6.4-SB007-AA-A14 - Information note: Draft elements for the recommendation on activities involving removals, found at: [7th meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body \(SB 007\) | UNFCCC](#)

<sup>8</sup> A6.4-SB007-A07 - Draft Recommendation: Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism (v.02.0). Available at [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb007\\_a07.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/a64-sb007_a07.pdf)

<sup>9</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-64-mechanism/calls-for-input> and <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

**5. Recommendations to the Supervisory Body**

9. The Supervisory Body may wish to consider this document, make modifications as necessary and forward the recommendations to CMA 5.

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## 1. Procedural background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), by its decision 3/CMA.3 “Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement”, paragraph 6(c), requested the Supervisory Body of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (Article 6.4 mechanism) to elaborate and further develop, on the basis of the rules, modalities and procedures of the Article 6.4 mechanism (RMP), recommendations on activities involving removals, including appropriate monitoring, reporting, accounting for removals and crediting periods, addressing reversals, avoidance of leakage, and avoidance of other negative environmental and social impacts, in addition to the activities referred to in chapter V of the RMP (Article 6, paragraph 4, activity cycle), to be considered at its fourth session (November 2022).<sup>1</sup>
2. In response to this request, the Supervisory Body agreed on the recommendations on activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism contained in the annex to the addendum of its annual report to the CMA at its fourth session<sup>2</sup>.
3. The CMA, by its decision 7/CMA.4, paragraphs 19 and 20, invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit, via the submission portal, by 15 March 2023, their views on activities involving removals and requested the Supervisory Body to consider the views of Parties and observers in elaborating and further developing recommendations on activities involving removals, while taking into account the mandate provided to the Supervisory Body contained in paragraph 24(a)(ix) of the RMP, and considering broader inputs from stakeholders provided in a structured public consultation process.
4. This document is prepared for the consideration of the Supervisory Body with a view to facilitate its work to make a recommendation to the CMA, in response to the CMA mandate mentioned in paragraph 3 above.

## 2. Context of removals under this guidance

5. Relevant extracts from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) Working Group III (WGIII) definitions of activities involving removals include the following:
  - (a) Anthropogenic removals as the withdrawal of greenhouse gases (GHGs) from the atmosphere as a result of deliberate human activities. (IPCC AR6 WGIII report glossary);
  - (b) Carbon dioxide removal (CO<sub>2</sub>; CDR) as anthropogenic activities removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and durably storing it in geological, terrestrial, or ocean reservoirs, or in products. It includes existing and potential anthropogenic enhancement of biological, geochemical or chemical CO<sub>2</sub> sinks, but excludes natural CO<sub>2</sub> uptake not directly caused by human activities. (IPCC AR-6 WG III technical summary).

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<sup>1</sup> Document FCCC/PA/CMA/2021/10/Add.1 available at: <https://unfccc.int/documents/460950>.

<sup>2</sup> Document FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/6/Add.1 available at: <https://unfccc.int/event/cma-4?item=14>.

6. For the purposes of this guidance,
  - (a) **Removals** are the outcomes of processes to remove [greenhouse gases] [carbon dioxide] from the atmosphere through anthropogenic activities and durably store [or destroy] them; and
  - (b) Activities involving removals meet the requirements in Section 4. Any examples in this guidance referring to specific activity types or categories are purely illustrative and do not give effect to decisions by the Supervisory Body regarding their use under the Article 6.4 mechanism.

### 3. Requirements

7. Activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism shall meet the requirements contained in sections below and in any further guidance developed and approved by the Supervisory Body for activities involving removals, in addition to the requirements contained in the RMP and any further relevant decisions of the CMA, and all relevant Article 6.4 mechanism standards and procedures.

#### 3.1. Monitoring

8. Activity participants shall monitor removals through an appropriate application of quantification and estimation based on field measurements, remote sensing, measurement through instrumentation, or modelling, in combination as necessary. In this regard, methodologies shall contain provisions that specify the monitoring approach(es) for all parameters needed for the calculation of removals according to the types of removal activities.
9. Methodologies shall contain provisions that ensure that the approaches related to the use of measurements, sampling, data from third parties, published literature, satellite data, default values or modelled data, are robust, statistically representative, and conservative, and appropriately address uncertainty.
10. Methodologies may contain provisions that specify monitoring by a third party, where activity participants are responsible for providing the information/data as requested by the third party and for receiving the necessary information required for the monitoring reports from the third party.
11. Methodologies shall contain provisions that require the calculation of removals and associated uncertainties. The uncertainties shall be within the limits specified in the methodologies applied. If the uncertainty of estimated removals exceeds the specified limits, the calculated values shall be adjusted in a conservative manner as specified in the methodologies.
12. Calculation of removals may employ conservative default values that appropriately address uncertainty, to allow flexibility in monitoring.
13. Methodologies may include provisions for the use of higher tier methods such as the use of measured values in lieu of conservative default values in the instance that the default values are demonstrated to underestimate actual removals.
14. Methodologies contain provisions that require appropriate quality assurance and quality control measures, such as cross-checking the monitoring results with other sources of data.

15. Methodologies shall contain provisions that require activity participants to submit a monitoring plan at the registration of the activity and review and update the monitoring plan at the start of each crediting period, as well as in any of the following circumstances:
  - (a) When verification reveals a need for a revision of the monitoring plan;
  - (b) Following any significant reversal event that reveals a risk factor that is not already included, or may be underestimated, in the monitoring plan and corresponding risk assessment;
  - (c) As per existing and applicable national and regional regulations as specified by the host Party.
16. Monitoring shall also be conducted after the end of the last active crediting period of the activity for a period of time that is commensurate with the degree and nature of the residual reversal risk based on the results of the reversal risk assessment, the remediation measures applied, and any specifications and arrangements voluntarily provided by the host Party for post-crediting period monitoring of removals attributed to the activity and remediation of reversals of removals in accordance with this guidance. The Supervisory Body will develop further guidance in this regard.
17. [Monitoring may be stopped only when the risk of reversal of removals for which 6.4ERs have been issued is eliminated or deemed negligible. In this regard, evidence is provided that the removals will be stored with negligible to no reversal risk [or that the volume of potential future reversals of removals for which 6.4ERs have been issued has been remediated by taking measures specified in this guidance. The Supervisory Body will develop further guidance in this regard.]
18. [Post crediting period monitoring may be substituted with appropriate domestic monitoring arrangements under instances where the host Party has voluntarily authorised the transfer of responsibility from the activity Participant to the host Party to remediate reversals by taking measures as specified in this guidance. The Supervisory Body will develop further guidance in this regard.]

### **3.2. Reporting**

19. Activity participants shall prepare monitoring reports after implementing monitoring operations and methods as specified in monitoring plans, including for seeking issuance of credits.
20. Monitoring reports shall contain:
  - (a) An outline of the monitoring plan with a description of the monitoring operations and methods used to implement the plan, and the resulting calculated removals during the monitoring period along with the associated uncertainties in the calculation;
  - (b) Field data collected, including remotely sensed data, or if the data set is too voluminous, a summary of the data and an indication of how the complete data set may be accessed;
  - (c) Records and logs of observed events that could potentially lead to the reversal of removals as well as a summary of any reversal notifications that were submitted during the monitoring period;



- (d) Estimates of any reversals that occurred during each monitoring period, including descriptive information on how reversals occurred, whether they were planned, or unplanned, and remedial actions taken;
  - (e) Information on how the environmental and social impacts were assessed and addressed by applying robust environmental and social safeguards as per Section 4.7, as well as how the activity is fostering sustainable development through the utilization of the Article 6.4 sustainable development tool.
- 21. Monitoring reports shall be prepared without a gap between the two successive monitoring periods.
  - 22. Methodologies shall contain provisions to specify the minimum frequency of monitoring report submission, which shall be commensurate with the degree and nature of the risk of reversals determined through a risk assessment undertaken by the activity participants as per 4.5.1. Reversal risk assessment. Based on the results of the risk assessment referred to above, the frequency may range from one to five years from the submission date of the first monitoring report. Activity participants may choose a shorter period for monitoring than the specified minimum frequency. A reversal event may also trigger the preparation of a monitoring report as described in 4.5.2 Post reversal actions.
  - 23. Methodologies shall contain provisions to specify the maximum duration allowed to submit the first monitoring report from the start date of the first crediting period. Based on the results of the risk assessment referred to in section 4.5.1. Reversal risk assessment, the duration may range from one to five years from the start date of the first crediting period. Methodologies shall contain provisions to require submission of subsequent monitoring reports at least every two years for activities with high reversal risk or at least every five years for those with low reversal risk.
  - 24. The Supervisory Body will develop guidance on options for responding to late, incomplete, or missing monitoring report submissions or where monitoring is completely stopped.

### **3.3. Accounting for removals**

- 25. Removals to be credited shall be those in excess of the baseline while deducting any activity and leakage emissions.
- 26. Any carbon pools and greenhouse gases may be optionally excluded from accounting if such exclusion results in a more conservative calculation of net removals.
- 27. If an activity involving removals also results in emission reductions, relevant guidance shall be applied through a relevant methodology or a combination of methodologies applicable to the activity in accordance with the provisions to be developed by the Supervisory Body.

### **3.4. Methodologies applicable for the crediting period**

- 28. At the renewal of the crediting period, activities involving removals shall apply the latest version of the applicable methodology.

### **3.5. Addressing reversals**

- 29. Activity participants shall minimize the risk of the release of stored removals and, where such reversals of removals occur, ensure that these are addressed in full, in accordance with guidance in this document.

### 3.5.1. Reversal risk assessment

30. The risks of reversals may be planned or unplanned and may include, inter alia:
  - (a) Internal risks such as those related to activity finances and management;
  - (b) External risks such as those related to asset ownership, rising opportunity costs, regulatory and social instability, country-specific political risks and legal risks;
  - (c) Natural risks such as those related to fires, pests, and droughts.
31. Activity participants shall conduct a risk assessment at the activity level using robust methods to identify and assess the reversal risks, including to quantify and score, for instance the nature, scale, likelihood, and duration of the risks and of potential reversals. Risk assessments shall be conducted in advance of the project's registration and be included in the project design document and the monitoring plan.
32. Activity participants shall also develop and implement plans to mitigate, monitor, and report on the risks and steps taken. Risks that cannot be eliminated shall be addressed as described below in this document.
33. Activity participants shall review and revise the risk assessment every five years from the start of the first crediting period, as well as in any of the circumstances specified in paragraph 15 (a)–(c) [ and any extreme weather event, such as fire activity, drought or typhoon within the activity boundary].
34. The Supervisory Body will develop a reversal risk assessment tool. Methodologies may include additional guidance on the application of the tool.

### 3.5.2. Post reversal actions

#### 3.5.2.1. Reversal notification

35. The activity participant shall notify the Supervisory Body of reversals that occurs within their project boundary. The submission of a reversal notification shall be made as follows:
  - (a) A first or preliminary notification shall be provided, within [30][60] days of the observed event that could potentially lead to the reversal, including, at a minimum, the date, the location and a short description of the event. It may be provided digitally;
  - (b) A reversal notification as a full monitoring report shall be provided by the earlier of the next deadline for monitoring report submission or within [90][120] [180] [360] days of the observed event, which includes, for instance, estimates of the reversals that occurred and information on how the reversals occurred, whether they were planned or unplanned, and whether they were or will be addressed including through corrective actions referred to in an accompanying updated reversal risk assessment;
  - (c) In case the reversal event is still ongoing, the activity participant should continue to submit follow-up monitoring reports every [90][x] days until the reversal ceases, at which point, a final monitoring report should be submitted;
  - (d) The observation of an event that could potentially lead to a reversal during the verification/certification process shall temporarily suspend the processes until the reversal event is adequately assessed and corrective actions are taken where necessary.

### **3.5.2.2. Corrective actions**

36. Activity participants shall undertake appropriate corrective measures and demonstrate this in the requisite update to the reversal risk assessment, inter alia:
  - (a) Assessing how the reversal occurred and its causes;
  - (b) Elaborating plans to prevent further reversals such as improving control measures, storage conditions and handling procedures, and arranging further personnel training in various aspects of removal process;
  - (c) Reassessing adherence to applicable local and international regulations;
  - (d) Engaging stakeholders in accordance with the procedures of the Supervisory Body.
37. Activity participants shall also update the assessment conducted using Article 6.4 mechanism sustainable development tool to reflect the relevant underlying causes and any negative impacts, as well as plans for remediation and prevention of a recurrence, and submit this with the updated reversal risk assessment referred to in 4.5.1. Reversal risk assessment.

### **3.5.3. Addressing reversal risk and reversals**

#### **3.5.3.1. Buffer pool and its operation**

38. Activity participants shall remediate reversals of removals [for which 6.4 ERs have been issued] by taking measures based on the results of the reversal risk assessment referred to in Section 4.5.1. Reversal risk assessment.
39. Measures to remediate reversals may include use of the Reversal Risk Buffer Pool, as well as direct replacement of 6.4 ERs [in some circumstances accompanied by replenishment of removals] if applicable.
40. The above measures may be used on a standalone basis or in combination, according to [the relevant methodology] [the results of the risk assessment] this guidance.
41. In [some] circumstances [ where activity participants wish to stop monitoring post-crediting period but cannot provide evidence that the reversal risk is eliminated or deemed negligible], the host Party may provide, on a voluntary basis, a sovereign guarantee.
42. Sovereign guarantee may be, for example for the direct replacement of 6.4 ERs or for counting the reversals as additional emissions.
43. [The activity participant may directly replace [issued] 6.4 ERs [for which potential reversals cannot be remediated by measures previously taken] [with ERs for which the risk of reversal is negligible or absent].
44. Activity participants that choose direct replacement of ERs as a stand-alone measure to remediate reversals shall demonstrate that they have obtained and continually maintain sufficient coverage under an insurance policy or comparable guarantee. ]
45. The Supervisory Body will develop further guidance in regard to the measures in this section, including their applicability and use.
46. The Article 6.4 Supervisory Body shall establish a Reversal Risk Buffer Pool for use by activity participants to remediate reversals.

47. The buffer pool is a system of rules, procedures, and registry functions that, in combination, aggregate all contributions of Buffer 6.4 ERs from relevant Article 6.4 mechanism activities into a single risk pool.
48. The Article 6.4 mechanism registry shall perform the electronic operations and transparency functions of the buffer. Buffer 6.4 ER contributions represent the quantified (percent-based) risk of reversal as calculated by the activity participant through the risk assessment tool. Upon issuance, an amount of 6.4 ERs proportionate to that risk rating are forwarded to the buffer pool account. Buffer 6.4 ERs shall only be accessed by the Article 6.4 mechanism registry administrator.
49. Following a notification by [to define], the registry administrator shall effect a cancellation of Buffer 6.4 ERs equal to the amount of reversals requiring remediation. Where possible, reversals should be compensated with ERs from the same [activity type,] vintages, [and location].
50. Activity participants shall remediate planned reversals through [direct replacement of 6.4 ERs] [by cancelling for this purpose 6.4 ERs from another 6.4 activity equal to the amount of reversals requiring remediation]. The use of the Reversal Risk Buffer Pool shall not be permitted in such cases.
51. The reversal risk buffer pool shall be stress-tested at least every three years to assess, inter alia, the pool's resilience for a range of plausible reversal risk scenarios affecting the activities linked to the buffer pool. In addition to regular stress-testing, the composition of the buffer pool, including the share of credits by vintage, region and country, activity type, crediting methodology, and specific activity, should be published annually.
52. [The Supervisory Body will develop further procedures for the Buffer's use and operation pertaining to the following, inter alia:
  - (a) [Treatment of planned versus unplanned reversals;]
  - (b) [Treatment of uncancelled / unused 6.4 ERs;]
  - (c) [Buffer composition and security;]
  - (d) [Measures to address buffer Insufficiency and/or activities with negligible reversal risk.]]

#### **3.5.3.1.1. [Planned versus unplanned reversals**

53. [Where a full monitoring report indicates that a planned reversal has occurred, the mechanism registry account of the activity proponent may be frozen such that all issuances / transfers / retirements of any ERs from the [activity] [participant] [, including those from other projects and previously issued ERs, are halted until the reversals are remediated as specified in this guidance and further guidance the Supervisory Body will develop in this regard.]
54. [Where a full monitoring report indicates that an unplanned reversal has occurred and if an activity incurs a reversal that requires the cancellation of Buffer ERs in excess of the activity's total contributions to date, the participant may be required to contribute all subsequently issued ERs to the Buffer until such contributions equal the excess amount cancelled.]].

### 3.5.3.1.2. [Treatment of uncanceled/unused buffers

55. Option 1: Uncanceled removals should not be automatically canceled {Note: for Incentivising performance}.

- (a) Based on the performance of the activity and a risk assessment completed at the end of the crediting period, the amount of credits that need to be maintained in the buffer pool should be reassessed, with some portion of credits returned to the activity proponent depending on the reversal risk at that point in the project lifetime; or
- (b) They should be entirely returned to the activity proponent to incentivize good performance; or
- (c) They should be kept in a buffer pool to continue to ensure protection against reversal events beyond the project crediting lifetime.

Option 2: They should be automatically canceled. {Note: Addressing liability for default}.

Option 3: Removals are neither canceled nor returned to the proponent under normal circumstances. If most projects do not suffer from reversal, the buffer pool grows over time. {Note: The credits contributed into the buffer pool are not returned to the contributors just as the insurance premium collected is not refunded by insurance companies. Coverage of risk is a service that is already delivered to the contributors. The rate of contribution in the future may be reduced for the entities with good track record of avoiding reversals, just as insurance premium does.}}

### 3.6. Avoidance of leakage

56. Activity participants shall address the risk of leakage and account for any remaining leakage in calculations of net removals in accordance with the requirements specified in the “Requirements for the development and assessment of mechanism methodologies”, including by applying the tool to be developed by the Supervisory Body for this purpose. Methodologies and related tools may include additional requirements applicable to specific types of removal activities.

### 3.7. Avoidance of other negative environmental and social impacts

57. Activity participants shall apply robust social and environmental safeguards to minimize and, where possible, avoid negative environmental and social impacts of the activity:

- (a) In accordance with requirements contained in “Article 6.4 mechanism activity standard”<sup>3</sup>, including the application of the Article 6.4 mechanism sustainable development tool<sup>4</sup>, guidance on local and global stakeholder consultation and where applicable, the Appeals and Grievance Procedure<sup>5</sup>; and
- (b) Any other applicable provisions developed by the Supervisory Body to avoid negative environmental and social impacts of an activity involving removals.

58. In addition to above requirements, the Supervisory Body will develop further requirements in respect of specific removal activity categories or types taking into account national and

<sup>3</sup> A6.4-SB008-AA-A07 - Draft standard: Article 6.4 mechanism activity standard for projects.

<sup>4</sup> A6.4-SB008-AA-A10 - Draft Tool: Article 6.4 sustainable development tool.

<sup>5</sup> A6.4-SB008-AA-A05 - Draft Procedure: Appeal and grievance processes under the Article 6.4. mechanism.

international best practices in environmental and social safeguards, which activity participants shall also apply.

### 3.8. Host Party roles

59. A host Party may specify to the Supervisory Body, prior to participation in the mechanism or, at the latest, at the time of providing to the Supervisory Body an approval of an activity involving removals, and subject to the RMP and guidance in this document and under the supervision of the Supervisory Body:
- (a) Existing and applicable national and regional regulations specifying the frequency, timing, and/or basis for updating and submitting an updated monitoring plan; {from Monitoring—paragraph 15 (c)}
  - (b) [Any specifications and arrangements voluntarily provided by the host Party for continued monitoring and remediation of reversals to be conducted after the end of the last active crediting period of the activity], including inter alia voluntary authorisation of the transfer of responsibility from the activity participant to the Host Party to monitor removals attributed to the activity and remediate reversals of removals for which 6.4ERs were issued by taking measures as specified in this guidance if applicable, or comparable guarantees.] {From Monitoring—paragraphs 16-18}

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