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Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement

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Proposal by the President

Draft decision -/CMA.4

Matters relating to the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decision 4/CMA.3 and the Paris Agreement,

Noting with appreciation the contributions received from Parties and observers in support of implementing the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement,

1. Welcomes the report¹ of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches that includes progress in and recommendations for implementing the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3;

I. Schedule for implementing the work programme activities

2. Adopts the schedule for implementing the activities of the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3 for 2023–2024 and the schedule for implementing the activities for 2025–2026 set out below;

¹ Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/622374.
3. Requests the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches to continue implementing the work programme activities referred to in chapter V of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3 for 2023–2026 in two phases:

   (a) A first phase (2023–2024) that focuses on identifying and framing all relevant elements of the work programme activities referred to in paragraph 8 of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3 and operationalizing the UNFCCC web-based platform referred to in paragraph 5 below;

   (b) A second phase (2025–2026) that focuses on fully implementing the work programme activities referred to in paragraph 3(a) above following a learning-by-doing approach and drawing on inputs from the first phase, recognizing that some elements can be implemented earlier in the first phase, with priority given to existing non-market approaches;

4. Also requests the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches to undertake an expedited and simple assessment of the progress and outcomes of the first phase as referred to in paragraph 3(a) above at its 6th meeting, to be held in November 2024, with a view to improving and recommending the schedule for implementing the work programme activities for the second phase, taking into account any additional relevant mandates received from the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its sixth session (November 2024), and recalling that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice is to review the work programme at its sixty-fourth (2026) and sixty-fifth (2026) sessions in accordance with paragraph 10 of decision 4/CMA.3;

II. UNFCCC web-based platform for non-market approaches

5. Further requests the secretariat to develop and operationalize the UNFCCC web-based platform referred to in paragraph 8(b)(i) of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3 for recording and exchanging information on non-market approaches in a user-friendly and accessible manner, including recording support needed and provided, for Parties participating in non-market approaches and other non-Party stakeholders, in accordance with standard UNFCCC practices for web-based communications and the specifications referred to in paragraphs 6–13 below;

6. Decides that the UNFCCC web-based platform is to facilitate opportunities, including by connecting participating Parties, to identify, develop and implement non-market approaches and to record and exchange information, for Parties that have submitted non-market approaches and are seeking support, and Parties and entities that have submitted information on the support available;

7. Also decides that a Party participating in a non-market approach may, with the concurrence of the other participating Parties, voluntarily:

   (a) Submit via its UNFCCC national focal point the following information on the NMA to the secretariat for recording it on the UNFCCC web-based platform:

      (i) A description of the non-market approach and the implementing entities, including their contact information;

      (ii) Information on the how the non-market approach addresses the criteria referred to in paragraphs 2–3 of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3;

      (iii) Updates to the information already provided on the non-market approach, as applicable, including any available reporting on progress in implementing the non-market approach or any lessons learned or case studies relating to the non-market approach;

      (iv) A description of the financial, technology and capacity-building support needed to identify, develop and implement the non-market approach;
(b) Undertake Party-driven facilitation and matching to identify, develop and implement non-market approaches and record the information on the UNFCCC web-based platform;

8. Invites interested Parties, relevant bodies, institutional arrangements and processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement related to, inter alia, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, including United Nations bodies, multilateral, bilateral and other public donors, and private and non-governmental organizations to provide information on financial, technology and capacity-building support available or provided for identifying, developing or implementing non-market approaches for recording on the UNFCCC web-based platform;

9. Notes that recording information on a non-market approach or support available or needed on the UNFCCC web-based platform is for information exchange purposes only, and neither creates any rights or obligations for any Party or other entity nor represents endorsement or approval of the non-market approach;

10. Requests the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to facilitate opportunities for participating Parties to identify, develop and implement non-market approach by:

(a) Organizing an in-session workshop, including plenary presentations and round-table discussions, to be held in conjunction with each meeting of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches, to exchange information on the non-market approaches including best practices and lessons learned from identifying, developing and implementing non-market approaches as well as non-market approaches that may require financial, technology and capacity-building support and the support available for such non-market approaches;

(b) Preparing a report on each workshop for consideration by the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches at its subsequent meeting;

11. Decides that the UNFCCC web-based platform is to contain an information hub that provides information on available resources and tools, including links to relevant websites and news; a visualization tool for mapping non-market approaches and initiatives that support Parties in meeting the requirements for receiving support and provide capacity-building for implementing non-market approaches; and a discussion forum for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to facilitate networking among active users of the platform, present information on non-market approaches, including information identified through implementing the work programme, such as information on non-market approaches resulting from the activities referred to in paragraph 10(a) above, and include a function for searching information on non-market approaches, including by keyword or tag;

12. Requests the secretariat to provide regular updates on the status of the development and operationalization of the UNFCCC web-based platform for each meeting of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches and to notify Parties’ UNFCCC national focal points of the deployment of the fully operational web-based platform and enable their access to it;

13. Encourages Parties to submit information on non-market approaches in the focus areas of the work programme activities for recording on the UNFCCC web-based platform once it becomes operational;

III. Additional focus areas of the work programme activities

14. Recalls the importance of integrated, holistic and balanced non-market approaches facilitated under the framework for non-market approaches and the aim of the approaches to promote mitigation and adaptation ambition as referred to in decision 4/CMA.3;

15. Takes note of the diverse range of potential additional focus areas for non-market approaches that may be facilitated under the framework, as identified by Parties and observers in previous rounds of submissions of views, synthesis reports and an in-session workshop;
16. Requests the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches to identify and recommend additional focus areas for the work programme activities, taking into consideration the experience of Parties in implementing non-market approaches and information provided on the UNFCCC web-based platform, including keywords and tags, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, as appropriate;

IV. Enhanced networking and collaboration on non-market approaches

17. Invites Parties to use, as appropriate, spin-off groups during the meetings of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches to enable more detailed discussions among interested Parties on specific topics identified by the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches;

18. Requests the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, as the convenor of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches, to invite representatives of relevant UNFCCC constituted bodies and institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention, which may include the Adaptation Fund, the Climate Technology Centre and Network, the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund, the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, the Paris Committee on Capacity-building, the Standing Committee on Finance and the Technology Executive Committee, to a meeting held in conjunction with the fifty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (June 2023) and organized with the assistance of the secretariat, with the aim of enhancing collaboration between the Glasgow Committee and relevant constituted bodies and institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention, as necessary, taking into account their respective mandates;

19. Also requests the secretariat to prepare a technical paper, without formal status, for consideration by the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches at its 3rd meeting, on possibilities for enhancing engagement with public and private sector stakeholders, including technical experts, businesses, civil society organizations and financial institutions, at meetings of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches, taking into account experience of approaches to enhancing such engagement under the UNFCCC;

V. Cross-cutting matters

20. Encourages Parties, public and private sector stakeholders and civil society organizations to actively engage in developing and implementing non-market approaches under the framework for such approaches;

21. Requests the secretariat to include as part of its broader capacity-building programme related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement activities related to the work programme under the framework for non-market approaches;

22. Takes note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;

23. Requests that the actions called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.