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Proposal by the President

Draft decision -/CMA.7

Implementation of the guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement

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

Recalling decision 2/CMA.3 and its annex,

Also recalling decision 6/CMA.4 and its annexes,

Further recalling decision 4/CMA.6 and its annexes,

1. *Notes* the 2025 report on the implementation of the guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article¹ 6, paragraph 2;²
2. *Also notes* Parties' progress in implementing cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, as demonstrated by the information submitted on 39 cooperative approaches, the relevant reports submitted (initial reports³ by 16 Parties, updated initial reports by 2 Parties, annual information⁴ by 4 Parties and regular information⁵ by 1 Party) and the information on 24 authorizations submitted by 14 Parties, as at 15 November 2025;
3. *Expresses appreciation* to the secretariat for its progress in implementing its mandated tasks related to the implementation of the guidance on cooperative approaches;⁶

¹ Articles referred to in this decision are Articles of the Paris Agreement.

² FCCC/PA/CMA/2025/INF.1.

³ As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chap. IV.A.

⁴ As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chap. IV.B.

⁵ As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chap. IV.C.

⁶ Contained in decision 2/CMA.3, annex.

I. Article 6 technical expert reviews

4. *Recalls* decision 2/CMA.3, paragraph 13, in which the secretariat was requested to prepare annually a compilation and synthesis of the results of the Article 6 technical expert review,⁷ including identification of recurring themes and lessons learned, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, including in the context of its review of the guidance on cooperative approaches;
5. *Also recalls* decision 6/CMA.4, paragraph 13, in which the secretariat was requested to include any cases of persistent inconsistencies and/or non-responsiveness by a Party participating in a cooperative approach, as contained in the recommendations arising from the Article 6 technical expert review, including responses, if any, to such recommendations that may be provided by the participating Party concerned, in the annual compilation and synthesis of the results of the Article 6 technical expert review referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, paragraph 13, and publish the information on the centralized accounting and reporting platform in a disaggregated manner in respect of each participating Party;
6. *Further recalls* decision 4/CMA.6, paragraph 42(b), in which it was decided that, where a significant or persistent inconsistency has an impact on the emissions balance and/or adjusted indicator, each participating Party shall address this inconsistency to ensure the avoidance of double counting, and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement will be explicitly notified of the inconsistency in the annual compilation and synthesis referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, paragraph 13;
7. *Expresses appreciation* for the efforts of the Article 6 technical expert review teams in conducting the first round of such reviews;
8. *Welcomes* the completion of the first round of Article 6 technical expert reviews;
9. *Notes* the outcomes of the first round of Article 6 technical expert reviews, in particular the information provided in paragraphs 45–51 of the report referred to in paragraph 1 above;
10. *Also notes* the inconsistencies with the requirements in the guidance on cooperative approaches identified in the first round of Article 6 technical expert reviews, while noting that the reporting and review processes under Article 6, paragraph 2, are still in the early stages of implementation, and *urges* Parties to address the inconsistencies identified in accordance with decision 4/CMA.6, paragraphs 39–44;
11. *Requests* Article 6 technical expert review teams to clearly explain their findings on any inconsistencies and any recommendations on how to resolve them in their reports;
12. *Also requests* the secretariat to organize an informal interactive dialogue, to be held in a facilitative, non-punitive, non-prescriptive manner in conjunction with the sixty-fifth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (November 2026), to facilitate the identification of recurring themes and lessons learned for consideration by Parties of the compilation and synthesis of the results of the Article 6 technical expert reviews in accordance with decision 2/CMA.3, paragraph 13, including in the context of the review of the guidance on cooperative approaches, referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, paragraphs 14–15;
13. *Reiterates* decision 6/CMA.4, annex II, paragraph 39, which states that the secretariat shall compose an Article 6 technical review team in such a way that the collective skills and competencies of the teams correspond to the information to be reviewed and that a single Article 6 technical expert team includes at least two experts;

II. Reporting and infrastructure

14. *Clarifies* that each participating Party shall ensure that information included in the annex to its biennial transparency report reflects the most recent annual information reported

⁷ As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chap. V.

in its submissions of the agreed electronic formats⁸ in accordance with decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter IV, and decision 4/CMA.6, chapter VI;

15. *Notes with concern* the status of the infrastructure for recording and tracking referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter VI, as at 31 October 2025;

16. *Requests* the secretariat to implement the infrastructure under Article 6, paragraph 2, expeditiously in accordance with relevant mandates in decisions 2/CMA.3, 6/CMA.4 and 4/CMA.6;

17. *Also requests* the secretariat to seek inputs from the forum of Article 6 registry system administrators on the procedure “International Registry and Additional Registry Services”⁹ and to revise the procedure, if necessary, to ensure that it aligns with the relevant provisions of decisions 2/CMA.3, 6/CMA.4 and 4/CMA.6;

III. Capacity-building

18. *Welcomes* the organization by the secretariat of dialogues among interested Parties and observers to exchange information and experience in relation to how cooperative approaches in which they participate support ambition, as part of the capacity-building programme referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, paragraph 12, and *expresses appreciation* to the presenters at and participants in the dialogues;

19. *Requests* the secretariat, in organizing future ambition dialogues under Article 6, paragraph 2, as referred to in paragraph 18 above, to consider enhancing the efficiency and efficacy of the dialogues by encouraging interactive and constructive peer-to-peer discussion and enabling broader participation and engagement by Parties and observers;

20. *Expresses appreciation* to the secretariat for its work in providing, including through its regional collaboration centres, capacity-building support to Parties, particularly the least developed countries and small island developing States, to facilitate their effective participation in cooperative approaches;

21. *Requests* the secretariat, supported by the Article 6 technical expert review teams and in consultation with the Parties under review, to identify and provide capacity-building needs in areas of inconsistency identified by the Article 6 technical expert review team during the reviews;

22. *Also requests* the secretariat, where themes in inconsistencies have been identified in relation to the reporting in accordance with the relevant requirements set out in decision 2/CMA.3, to incorporate relevant training materials into the mandated capacity-building activities for Article 6, paragraph 2;

23. *Further requests* the secretariat to assist Parties, upon request, in including information on contributions of resources for adaptation and delivery of overall mitigation in global emissions in the agreed electronic format;

24. *Requests* the secretariat to regularly update the “Article 6.2 reference manual for the accounting, reporting and review of cooperative approaches”,¹⁰ as necessary, drawing on the findings from the Article 6 technical expert reviews, in order to assist Parties in preparing their relevant reports;

IV. Administrative, financial and other matters

25. *Requests* the secretariat to publish its annual reports on the implementation of the guidance on cooperative approaches at least two weeks prior to the relevant session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement and to include information therein that is relevant to the scope of the guidance;

⁸ Contained in decision 4/CMA.6, annex II.

⁹ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/648104>.

¹⁰ Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/634354>.

26. *Also requests* the secretariat to include in its annual reports on the implementation of the guidance on cooperative approaches a section on information reported by Parties relating to contributions of resources for adaptation and cancellations to deliver overall mitigation in global emissions, as referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter VII;

27. *Further requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider, at its sixty-fourth session (June 2026), with a view to recommending a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its eighth session (November 2026), the sufficiency and stability of funding for the:

- (a) Operation and maintenance of the infrastructure under Article 6, paragraph 2;
- (b) Article 6 technical expert reviews;
- (c) Capacity-building activities in respect of Article 6, paragraph 2;

28. *Requests* the secretariat to update the technical paper on options for funding the activities related to the infrastructure and technical expert review under Article 6, paragraph 2,¹¹ to serve as input to the consideration referred to in paragraph 27 above;

29. *Expresses concern* about the current estimated USD 8.0 million shortfall in resources for mandated tasks relating to Article 6, paragraph 2, in the biennium 2024–2025 and *notes* the estimated USD 14.1 million needed for the work relating to Article 6, paragraph 2, in the biennium 2026–2027;

30. *Urges* Parties to provide voluntary contributions to the trust fund for supplementary activities to enable the full development, establishment and operation of the infrastructure under Article 6, paragraph 2, the conduct of Article 6 technical expert reviews and the capacity-building activities of the secretariat in respect of Article 6, paragraph 2;

31. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to paragraphs 12 and 28 above;

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

¹¹ FCCC/TP/2023/1.