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## Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

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Agenda item 13(a)

### Matters relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

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### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), pursuant to paragraphs 4, 16, 17 and 22 of decision 6/CMA.4, considered the guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 2/CMA.3.
2. The SBSTA took note of the work on common nomenclatures undertaken in response to paragraph 17(j) of decision 6/CMA.4, concluded that there is no need for further discussion of this matter and deemed its consideration thereof completed. The SBSTA recommended that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA) conclude its consideration of the matter.
3. The SBSTA requested the secretariat, as the administrator of the centralized accounting and reporting platform, to develop an initial list of common nomenclatures, to develop a process for requesting the establishment of and changes to common nomenclatures, pursuant to chapter II.B of annex I to decision 6/CMA.4, and to report on its progress in its annual report to the CMA referred to in paragraph 36(c) of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3.
4. The SBSTA took note of the work on the modalities for reviewing information that is confidential undertaken in response to paragraph 16(a)(ii) of decision 6/CMA.4, concluded that there is no need for further discussion of this matter and deemed its consideration thereof completed. The SBSTA recommended that the CMA conclude its consideration of the matter.
5. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to develop, publish and implement the necessary administrative procedures, including a specific code of conduct for Article 6 technical expert review teams, for treating and reviewing information identified as confidential by participating Parties under the provisions relating to the review of such information contained in chapter VII of annex II to decision 6/CMA.4, and to report on its progress in its annual report to the CMA referred to in paragraph 36(c) of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3.
6. The SBSTA took note of the work undertaken in response to paragraph 16(b)(ii) of decision 6/CMA.4 related to whether internationally transferred mitigation outcomes could include emission avoidance, and agreed to continue consideration of this matter at SBSTA 68 (2028). The SBSTA noted that in the absence of further guidance by the CMA



the current guidance applies, and that emission avoidance is not included in the current guidance.

7. The SBSTA took note of the draft text prepared for this agenda sub-item at this session,<sup>1</sup> noting that it does not represent consensus among Parties.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a workshop for Parties, to be held in hybrid format prior to SBSTA 61 (November 2024) in conjunction with the workshop to be organized under the SBSTA agenda sub-item entitled “Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and referred to in decision 3/CMA.3”, to facilitate consideration of the draft text referred to in paragraph 7 above, on matters related to authorization, the agreed electronic format, sequencing, application of first transfer, addressing inconsistencies, and the issues regarding registries.

9. The SBSTA agreed to continue consideration of the draft text referred to in paragraph 7 above at SBSTA 61 with a view to recommending a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption at CMA 6 (November 2024).

10. The SBSTA invited Parties to make contributions to the trust fund for supplementary activities for operationalizing the guidance on cooperative approaches and supporting the intersessional work referred to in paragraph 8 above.

11. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 8 above.

12. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/639562>.