Draft decision -/CMA.8

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

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

Recalling decisions 4/CMA.3, 8/CMA.4, 17/CMA.5, 7/CMA.6 and 21/CMA.7, and the Paris Agreement,

Recognizing that Article 6 of the Paris Agreement constitutes an important pillar for enabling international cooperation on the implementation of nationally determined contributions, including through non-market approaches;

Recalling the scope of non-market approaches under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, as per chapter II of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3;

Taking into account the outcomes of the first global stocktake;

I. Findings and conclusions of the review of the work programme

A. Outcomes of the work programme

1. *Notes* the progress in 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, including through in-session workshops and spin-off groups;

2. *Also notes* that progress in implementing the work programme has varied across its activities and challenges remain, including limited clarity among stakeholders regarding the purpose of Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and the practical implementation of non-market approaches under the framework;

3. [*Further notes* the time and capacity constraints faced by Parties in engaging in the work programme;]

4. [*Recognizes* the importance of making improvements to the work programme for further strengthening the contribution of non-market approaches to the implementation of nationally determined contributions, [including by helping to connect priorities identified in nationally determined contributions [and national adaptation plans, as appropriate,] with available [financial, technological and capacity-building] support];]

5. *Also recognizes* the importance of enhancing the participation of [interested] Parties in the work programme while respecting the mandate for, and scope and nature of non-market approaches under Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement;

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6. *Further recognizes* the central role of national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement in enhancing participation in, and coordination and implementation of, non-market approaches under the framework for them;

7. *Recognizes* the value of the NMA Platform[1] as an information repository on non-market approaches [and its effective use in facilitating the recording and exchange of information of non-market approaches][and cooperations among interested Parties[, as well as its potential for promoting activities that have yet to meet the criteria of a non -market approach[2]];

8. *Also recognizes* the value of the NMA Platform in showcasing how voluntary cooperation between Parties on implementing their nationally determined contributions leads to higher mitigation and adaptation ambition;

9. *Notes* that the number of non-market approaches recorded on the NMA Platform continues to grow [at a modest pace][, however *recognizes* the need to broaden use of the Platform and address barriers that limit its effective use];

10. [[*Acknowledges* that, beyond its role [as an information repository][in recording and exchanging information], the NMA Platform [should] [is able to] support Parties in developing non-market approaches;]

11. *Also acknowledges* that the NMA Platform [has not][may not have] yet reached its full potential, given the limited number of non-market approaches recorded thereon[; the difficulties for Parties in using the Platform to attract partners and support for non-market approaches; and the complexity of the process for recording non-market approaches on the Platform, including the number of questions on the submission form and the process for obtaining the concurrence of other participating Parties];

12. [*Notes* that the low level of engagement by Parties with the NMA Platform may reflect that the Platform, in its current form, does not meet the needs and expectations of Parties in identifying, developing and implementing non-market approaches [or it may reflect the voluntary nature of Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and Parties' decision to engage];]

Alt. 12. [*Notes* that engagement by Parties with the NMA Platform could be strengthened through targeted outreach and capacity-building;]]

B. Lessons learned

13. *Recognizes* the limited engagement of some national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement in relation to non-market approaches and *emphasizes* the importance of further strengthening their role in the implementation of non-market approaches[, including through recognition of their role in helping to identify their respective Parties' priorities and communicate related support needs];

14. *Reiterates* its invitation[3] to interested Parties to notify the secretariat of their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and *requests* the secretariat to promote the designation of such focal points[, noting that many Parties have yet to designate such focal points][and *requests* the secretariat to provide practical guidance on their roles, and the NMA Platform submission process][and *requests* the secretariat to provide practical guidance on domestic coordination and engagement with potential partners, within the scope of existing resources];

15. [*Reaffirms* that non-market approaches should continue to be submitted for recording on the NMA Platform through designated national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement;]

[1] https://unfccc.int/nma-platform.
[2] As per decision 4/CMA.3, annex, chap. II.
[3] Decision 17/CMA.5, para. 5.

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16. [*Notes* that the NMA Platform [should][is already]:

(a) [Be] [A][a]ccessible to [developing country] Parties and responsive to their circumstances, as well as user-friendly and transparent;

(b) Support[ing] Parties in identifying opportunities, barriers, support needs[, good practices] and potential partnerships in relation to non-market approaches;

(c) Avoid[ing] creating additional reporting burdens for Parties [, including any reporting related costs];

(d) Mak[e][ing] available examples of existing non-market approaches that demonstrate how voluntary cooperation between Parties can support higher mitigation and adaptation ambition;]

II. Recommendations arising from the review of the work programme

A. Future work

17. [*Reaffirms* that the implementation of the work programme will continue to be guided by the activities outlined in chapter V of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3;]

18. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring that any future activities under the framework for non-market approaches complement relevant processes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement [as well as relevant activities by other stakeholders];

19. [*Recognizes* that the provision of support for identifying, developing and implementing non-market approaches remains central to the effectiveness of the work programme;]

20. [*Welcomes* the capacity-building activities and resources relevant to implementing Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement made available to Parties by the secretariat;[4]]

Option 1 {*Existing capacity-building activities*}

21. [*Notes* the limited awareness among Parties of the capacity-building activities and resources available under the work programme[, including the discussion forum available to national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement];

22. *Requests* the secretariat to continue its outreach to Parties, including through national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, to promote participation in and awareness of the existing capacity-building activities and awareness and use of the available resources;]

Option 2 {*Additional capacity-building activities*}

23. [*Requests* the secretariat to develop additional capacity-building activities relevant to implementing Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, including through the regional collaboration centres, by providing training in languages other than English and additional peer-learning opportunities;

24. *Also requests* that such additional capacity-building activities respond to national needs and engage, as appropriate, relevant institutions, local governments, academia, Indigenous Peoples and local communities;]

{End of option 2}

25. [*Recognizes* the importance of enhancing access to support for Parties to identify, develop and implement non-market approaches;]

[4] Available under the "Resources" section of the information hub on the NMA Platform.

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26. [*Encourages* Parties to use existing arrangements in their search for support for non-market approaches, including by:

(a) Contacting support providers registered on the NMA Platform for details of available support;

(b) Connecting with other Parties through their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, and through the secretariat's support team for the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches;]

Alt 26. [*Encourages* Parties seeking support for the development or implementation of non-market approaches, including in the areas of finance, technology development and transfer and capacity building, while preserving the voluntary and Party-driven nature of non-market approaches, to:

(a) Contact support providers registered on the NMA Platform for details of available support;

(b) Connect with other Parties through their national focal points for Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, including through the discussion forum of the Platform;

(c) Contact the secretariat's support team for the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches for assistance in utilizing features of the Platform more efficiently;]

27. [*Encourages* additional support providers to register on the NMA Platform, providing details of the nature of support they are able to provide;]

28. [*Recognizes* the need for additional support to be provided to Parties for implementing non-market approaches, in particular:

(a) For developing country Parties in the areas of finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building, while preserving the voluntary and Party-driven nature of non-market approaches;

(b) Predictable, adequate, grant-based and concessional finance [from developed to developing country Parties;]

Option 1 {*Broaden the scope of non-market approaches*}

29. [*Decides* to broaden the scope of non-market approaches to include non-market approaches that involve one or more participating Parties[5] with a view to enabling [a broader range of non-market approaches to be recorded on the NMA Platform, [including initiatives related to mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity-building and other areas relevant to the work programme][including projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme] that meet the other criteria for non-market approaches under the framework for them][the recording of projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme on the NMA Platform that meet the other criteria for non-market approaches under the framework for them, thereby enhancing the visibility of such projects and facilitating participation therein and supporting implementation thereof];

30. *Requests* the secretariat to make the necessary modifications to the NMA Platform to enable the recording thereon of non-market approaches falling within the scope as broadened pursuant to paragraph 29 above;]

Option 2 {*Allow the recording of proposed non-market approaches*}

31. [[*Decides* that, without altering the existing scope of non-market approaches, initiatives involving only one participating Party may be recorded on the NMA Platform as proposed non-market approaches while that Party seeks cooperation with another Party, and that such recording does not constitute recognition of the initiative as a non-market approach under the framework for them until another participating Party is involved;]

[5] As per decision 4/CMA.3, annex, para. 3(b).

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Alt. 31. [*Decides* that proposed initiatives involving only one participating Party may be displayed on the NMA Platform separately from non-market approaches formally recorded under the framework, until another participating Party has been identified, with minimal changes to existing Platform functionality[, in a structured manner, with oversight by the secretariat];]

32. *Requests* the secretariat to enable the functionality of the NMA Platform referred to in paragraph 31 above [by creating a dedicated section on the Platform for the recording of proposed non-market approaches][by enabling the recording of proposed non-market approaches in the existing section for non-market approaches on the Platform, but with a label or another visual marker to distinguish them from non-market approaches that meet the criteria under the framework for them];]

B. Areas for improvement

33. *Acknowledges* that clearer guidance [could support Parties and stakeholders] on how to use the NMA Platform as part of implementing Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement, [especially for developing country Parties,] including [the regional collaboration centres] and the provision of clearer templates for non-market approach submissions, regional training, peer-learning activities and simplified procedures for recording non-market approaches;

34. [*Emphasizes* the need to strengthen capacity-building for stakeholders for using the NMA Platform, including through the regional collaboration centres;]

35. *Recognizes* that existing requests for modifications to the NMA Platform[6] have not yet been fully implemented owing to funding constraints;

Option 1 {*Expanding the functionality of the NMA Platform*}

36. [[*Decides* to expand the functionality of the NMA Platform with a view to improving its effectiveness in supporting the identification, development and implementation of non-market approaches, including by:

(a) Allowing the [recording][display] of proposed non-market approaches on the Platform that may not yet involve more than one participating Party but meet all other criteria within the scope of the framework [, while recognizing that, should another participating Party not be identified for the non-market approach, it will remain a proposed approach][in a dedicated and structured section of the Platform];

(b) [Facilitating matchmaking of support with non-market approaches that require it, which would connect support needs with finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building [provided by developed to developing country Parties];]

(c) Enabling Parties to voluntarily organize non-market approaches by region through a specific dashboard function;

(d) [Establishing a pipeline for projects and programmes under the framework for non-market approaches;]

(e) Tracking capacity-building and technical assistance needs of Parties to help to identify gaps in institutional capacity related to identifying, developing and implementing non-market approaches;

(f) Providing a space for sharing knowledge and lessons learned, beyond what is already available under recorded non-market approaches;

(g) Enabling the tagging of safeguards and co-benefits of non-market approaches in submissions to the Platform to improve their visibility;]

37. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to recommend specifications for implementing the additional functionalities of the NMA Platform referred

[6] As outlined in decision 21/CMA.7, para. 10(d).

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to in paragraph 36 above for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027);]

Alt. 37. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to explore the possibility of establishing a fast-track approach to implementing the proposed changes in paragraph 36 above;]]

Option 2 {*Minor modifications to the NMA Platform*}

38. [*Recognizes* that minor modifications to the NMA Platform could support Parties seeking finance to implement their non-market approaches and decides that such minor modifications include allowing the recording of proposed non-market approaches on the Platform[, such as projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme][, such as initiatives related to mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity-building and other areas relevant to the work programme];]

{*End of option 2*}

39. *Encourages* Parties, when submitting non-market approaches to the NMA Platform, to include in the submission form hyperlinks to additional relevant information;

40. [*Notes* the discussion forum on the NMA Platform has not been effectively utilized by Parties and stakeholders;]

41. *Also encourages* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness of the NMA Platform's discussion forum, including by:

(a) Increasing their participation in and contributions to the discussion forum;

(b) Using the discussion forum as a space for identifying projects that do not yet meet the criteria for non-market approaches under the framework for them;

(c) Using the discussion forum to further develop and coordinate on proposed non-market approaches that do not yet involve international cooperation;

42. *Requests* the secretariat to address, as appropriate, technical issues related to two-factor authentication on the discussion forum that are preventing stakeholders from being able to log in;

III. Future institutional arrangements for the framework for non-market approaches

Option 1 {*Conclusion of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches meetings*}

43. [*Decides* that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice shall no longer convene the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches and that no further meetings of the Committee shall be held in conjunction with sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;

44. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to undertake work, with a view to making a recommendation for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027), to determine how the activities under the work programme for the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3 will continue to be implemented in the absence of the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches[, including maintaining the NMA Platform and discussion forum][, including through the development of a monitoring tool for ensuring continued oversight of non-market approaches][, including through the development of a monitoring tool to track progress in the implementation of the work programme and identify areas for improvement];]

Alt 44a. [*Requests* the secretariat to organize in-session workshops to be held in conjunction with each session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, continue to maintain the NMA Platform and discussion forum, and report on the implementation of

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these activities to each session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;]

Alt. 44b. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to establish an oversight mechanism to ensure the continued functioning of the NMA Platform and timely improvements to the Platform and its processes;] *{Further elaboration will be required}*

45. [*Emphasizes* that the activities referred to in paragraph 44 above, and any future activities, shall be based on demonstrated needs, avoiding unnecessary institutional complexity and building on existing arrangements;]]

Option 2 {*Existing mandate*}

46. [*Reiterates* that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice will consider whether institutional arrangements for the framework that will supersede the Glasgow Committee on Non-market Approaches are needed and make recommendations thereon for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027);[7]]

IV. Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme

47. *Acknowledges* that it has considered the request in paragraphs 9–11 of decision 13/CMA.7;

Option 1 {*Implement changes to the NMA Platform*}

48. [*Decides* that additional functionality shall be implemented for enabling the recording on the NMA Platform of projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme by [allowing Parties to record such projects on the Platform as proposed non-market approaches where they are seeking cooperation but the projects do not yet involve more than one participating Party, with such projects remaining recorded as proposed non-market approaches until the involvement of at least one additional participating Party has been secured][broadening the scope of non-market approaches under the framework for them by removing the requirement for a non-market approach to involve more than one participating Party and thus permitting non-market approaches implemented by a single Party to be recorded on the Platform, with the non-market approach submission form on the Platform to be updated accordingly;]

49. *Recognizes* that this additional functionality may also facilitate the recording of projects beyond those identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme;

50. *Notes* that all projects submitted for recording on the NMA Platform [pursuant to the additional functionality referred to in paragraph 48 above] must continue to meet all other criteria for non-market approaches under the framework for them;[8]

51. *Decides* that interconnection between the NMA Platform and other relevant platforms, including national platforms for Parties that request it, shall be enabled by [adding hyperlinks to the other platforms listed in the "Related links" section of the NMA Platform's information hub][creating a "Relevant platforms" section of the NMA Platform's information hub];

52. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to recommend, for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its ninth session (November 2027):

(a) Specifications for how the additional functionality referred to in paragraph 48 above should be implemented on the NMA Platform;

[7] As per decision 4/CMA.3, annex, para. 6.

[8] As outlined in decision 4/CMA.3, annex, paras. 2, 3(a) and 3(c–f).

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(b) Criteria for determining which of the other relevant platforms referred to in paragraph 51 above may be considered for interconnection with the NMA Platform;]

Alt. 52. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to develop options for phased implementation of additional NMA Platform functionalities as referred to in paragraphs 48 and 51 above, including their initial and recurring costs, to inform further consideration of this matter];]

Option 2 {*No changes to the NMA Platform*}

53. [*Recognizes* that the primary purpose of the NMA Platform is to promote the visibility, development and implementation of non-market approaches;

54. *Emphasizes* the importance of preserving the NMA Platform as a tool dedicated to facilitating cooperation on non-market approaches and supporting the implementation of nationally determined contributions;

55. *Decides* to prioritize the effective use and continued improvement of the existing functionalities of the NMA Platform, rather than the establishment of interconnection between the NMA Platform and other platforms;

56. [*Notes* that projects identified under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme that are seeking another participating Party can be posted on the discussion forum and, should they find another participating Party, may be recorded on the NMA Platform subject to meeting all other criteria for non-market approaches;[9]]]

V. Other matters

A. Conclusion of the review of the work programme

57. [*Concludes* the review 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;

58. *Decides* that the conclusion of the review does not prejudge further consideration of the implementation of the review's outcomes, additional functionalities of the NMA Platform or future institutional arrangements under the framework;]

B. Next review of the work programme

59. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to consider and propose a timeline for undertaking the next review of 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 as part of a discussion on institutional arrangements pursuant to paragraph 6 of the annex to decision 4/CMA.3;]

C. Resource implications

60. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph[s] [X] above;

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

[9] As outlined in decision 4/CMA.3, annex, chap. II.

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