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Further guidance for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement

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

Recalling Article 6, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement,

Also recalling Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, in which a mechanism was established to contribute to the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and support sustainable development, including the aims of the mechanism set out therein,

Further recalling the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decisions 3/CMA.3, including its annex, 7/CMA.4, including its annexes, 5/CMA.6, 6/CMA.6 and 20/CMA.7,

Also recalling decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraphs 1(g) and 2,

1. *Welcomes* the annual report of the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement for 2026[1] and the progress of the work undertaken by the Supervisory Body in 2026 in responding to its mandates,[2] including progress related to developing methodologies, transitioning activities from the clean development mechanism to the mechanism established by Article[3] 6, paragraph 4, accrediting designated operational entities, developing the registry for the mechanism and implementing relevant capacity-building;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the Supervisory Body, including its expert panels, and the secretariat for their work in operationalizing the mechanism in 2026;

3. *Notes* that, in line with the objectives and goals of the business and resource allocation plan of the Supervisory Body for 2026–2027,[4] the work of the Supervisory Body in 2027 will focus on further developing mechanism methodologies, finalizing the core regulatory and infrastructure elements of the mechanism, enhancing participation in the mechanism and supporting the implementation of activities under Article 6, paragraph 4, thereby positioning the mechanism to contribute effectively to efforts aimed at achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement;

4. *Also notes* that, by the deadline of 30 June 2026 referred to in paragraph 25 of decision 20/CMA.7, 418 clean development mechanism projects and programmes of activities had

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[1] FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/8.
[2] See decisions 3/CMA.3, 7/CMA.4, 5/CMA.6, 6/CMA.6 and 20/CMA.7.
[3] Articles referred to in this decision are Articles of the Paris Agreement.
[4] Contained in Supervisory Body document A6.4-INFO-GOV-024.

obtained host Party approval for transition to the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4;[5]

I. Governance

5. *Welcomes* the progress towards gender balance in the membership of the Supervisory Body and its expert panels made since the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,[6] while noting with concern that gender balance in membership has not yet been achieved;

6. *Reiterates* the importance of ensuring gender-balanced representation in the membership of the Supervisory Body[7] and *encourages* United Nations regional groups to consider gender balance in nominating members and alternate members to the Supervisory Body;

7. *Also encourages* United Nations regional groups to nominate experts for any vacant seats in the Supervisory Body;

8. *Notes* the concerns expressed by the Supervisory Body that the provisions related to the limits on the terms of members and alternate members of the Body[8] may risk limiting its building of institutional memory;[9]

9. *Recalls* its decision to consider the provisions related to the limits on the terms of members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body as part of the review of the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism to take place in 2028;[10]

10. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to enhance the development of onboarding materials and provision of support for new members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body with a view to supporting institutional continuity;

11. *Also requests* the Supervisory Body to accelerate its ongoing work on preventing, disclosing and managing conflicts of interest in relation to members and alternate members of the Supervisory Body and members of its expert panels, the roster of experts on matters pertaining to Article 6, paragraph 4, and consultants supporting the work of the secretariat;[11]

12. *Further requests* the Supervisory Body to enhance the transparency of its prioritization of work on methodologies, including by providing rationale for the prioritization;

13. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to continue to enhance its structured engagement with stakeholders, including on how feedback from stakeholders is addressed;

14. *Also requests* the Supervisory Body, in preparing its annual reports, to include therein an annex containing a consolidated list of key indicators for assessing the status of implementation of the mechanism;

15. *Recognizes* the importance of implementing the mechanism taking into account the nationally determined nature of Parties contributions under the Paris Agreement;

II. Designated national authorities

16. *Reiterates* its invitation for developed country Parties to nominate a representative to serve as co-chair of the forum for designated national authorities for the mechanism;[12]

[5] See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/8, para. 8.
[6] See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/8, paras. 94–95.
[7] See decision 3/CMA.3, annex, para. 4.
[8] Set out in the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, as contained in the annex to decision 3/CMA.3.
[9] See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/8, para. 18(f).
[10] Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 7.
[11] See Supervisory Body document A6.4-SBM022, para. 12.
[12] Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 13.

17. *Also reiterates* its invitation for Parties that have not already done so to establish designated national authorities for the mechanism;[13]

18. *Further reiterates* its invitation for Parties to complete and submit to the secretariat the "Host Parties participation requirements for Article 6.4 mechanism" form;[14, 15]

III. Participation in the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4

19. *Notes with appreciation* the support provided by the secretariat, including through its regional collaboration centres, to Parties for strengthening their national institutional arrangements relevant to participating in the mechanism, including in relation to designating national authorities, developing host Party participation requirements and establishing authorization and approval procedures;[16]

20. *Requests* the Supervisory Body to continue making efforts to enable the use of the mechanism by pursuing the goals set out in its business and resource allocation plan and to report on its progress in this regard in its annual report;

IV. Standards, methodologies and tools

21. *Welcomes with appreciation* the adoption by the Supervisory Body of four mechanism methodologies and the adoption or revision of 10 methodological tools and five methodological standards in 2026;[17]

22. *Requests* the Supervisory Body, recalling paragraph 23 of decision 20/CMA.7, to continue to ensure that its standards, methodologies and tools ensure environmental integrity, are based on the best available science and are informed by robust evidence;

23. *Notes* the concerns expressed by stakeholders regarding the application of methodological standards and tools under the mechanism;

24. *Requests* the Supervisory Body, in further developing, approving and revising such standards, methodologies and tools, to encourage broad participation as per the provisions of paragraph 33 of the annex to decision 3/CMA.3;

25. *Also requests* the Supervisory Body to assess the impact of proposed and approved standards, methodologies and tools on the quantification of emission reductions and removals under the mechanism with a view to informing the continuous improvement thereof while ensuring environmental integrity;

V. Share of proceeds and overall mitigation in global emissions

26. *Notes* the mandates[18] regarding the evaluation by the Supervisory Body of the implementation of the share of proceeds[19] and of the implementation and delivery of overall mitigation in global emissions[20] and *acknowledges* that, as no emission reductions under Article 6, paragraph 4, have been forwarded to the Adaptation Fund as the share of proceeds for adaptation or cancelled to deliver overall mitigation in global emissions,[21] there is limited

[13] As footnote 11 above.
[14] Supervisory Body form A6.4-FORM-GOV-001.
[15] Decision 20/CMA.7, para. 14.
[16] See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/8, paras. 52–53.
[17] See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/8, para. 71. All approved mechanism methodologies and tools are available at https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-6/article-64-pacm/methodologies.
[18] Decision 3/CMA.3, paras. 8–9.
[19] As set out in decision 3/CMA.3, annex, chap. VII.
[20] As set out in decision 3/CMA.3, annex, chap. VIII.
[21] This information was included in document FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/8, para. 44, pursuant to decision 20/CMA.7, para. 11.

experience with these elements to date, and *notes* that the next review by the Supervisory Body of the implementation of the share of proceeds and the implementation and delivery of overall mitigation in global emissions shall be in 2031;[22]

27. *Also notes* the decision of the Supervisory Body to deem the Adaptation Fund, or its trustee, an authorized entity for the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism cooperative approach (CA 0001), thereby avoiding the need for each participating Party to separately authorize the Adaptation Fund, or its trustee, as an authorized entity;[23]

[Option 1:

28. *Decides* that Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions that are authorized and forwarded to the Adaptation Fund may be acquired, transferred, used or cancelled for any purpose consistent with the applicable decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

29. *Also decides* that Parties shall not change the authorization status of authorized Article 6, paragraph 4, emissions reductions that have been first transferred to the Adaptation Fund;

End of option 1]

[Option 2:

No text]

VI. Funding for the operation of the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4

30. *Notes with appreciation* the continued prudent management by the secretariat, under the guidance and oversight of the Supervisory Body, of the limited resources available for the Supervisory Body to conduct its mandated activities, including the implementation of contingency measures and fundraising initiatives aimed at addressing funding constraints in 2026;

31. *Notes* that, on the basis of the projected income and expenditure for 2026–2027, the expected flow of revenue and the outcomes of contingency measures implemented, a balance between available funding and expenditure may be achieved for the Supervisory Body through to the end of 2027; however, the sustained, predictable funding needed to enable the Supervisory Body to fully implement all activities planned under its business and resource allocation plan for 2026–2027 has not been secured;

32. *Notes with deep concern* that a critical shortfall in funding required for the mandated activities of the Supervisory Body is projected for 2028 and beyond and that additional resources will be required to support the continued operationalization of the mechanism;

33. *Agrees* to continue to urgently make efforts to secure the additional resources essential for enabling and expediting the full operationalization of the mechanism;

34. *Requests* the Supervisory Body and the secretariat to continue exploring possible sources of funding for ensuring the continuity of operations of the Supervisory Body and to report on progress in the annual report of the Supervisory Body;

35. *Also requests* the Supervisory Body to take appropriate measures to safeguard the continued operation of the mechanism while continuing to effectively implement its mandates and taking into account updated information on expected income, expenditure and liabilities that may become available in 2027;

36. *Invites* Parties and relevant entities to voluntarily support the mechanism with a view to enabling its continued operation and financial sustainability while it transitions towards self-financing;

[22] Decision 3/CMA.3, paras. 8–9.

[23] See document FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/8, para. 79(b)(iv).

VII. Post-issuance authorization

[Option 1

37. *Decides* that a host Party may authorize, post issuance, a mitigation contribution unit under Article 6, paragraph 4, no later than [two years][X years] following its issuance and *requests* the Supervisory Body to continue to review, as it gains experience in implementation, whether this deadline remains appropriate and to make recommendations on this matter for consideration at [CMA 9 (November 2027)] [CMA 10 (November 2028)];

38. *Reiterates* its decision that the respective shares of proceeds for adaptation are comprised of authorized Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions rather than mitigation contribution units;[24]

39. *Decides*, recalling paragraph 11(c) of decision 6/CMA.6, that where a host Party allows mitigation contribution Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions to be issued for the underlying activity, while noting that the host Party may authorize the Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions at a later stage subject to the provisions referred to in paragraph 12 of decision 6/CMA.6, the host Party shall authorize the 5 per cent share of Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions to be issued and transferred to the Adaptation Fund as authorized units and shall comply with the applicable reporting requirements under decision 2/CMA.3;

40. *Also decides* that, upon receipt by the secretariat of a valid request for post-issuance authorization of eligible mitigation contribution units, the administrator for the mechanism registry shall:

(a) Update, as applicable, the authorization status of the corresponding mitigation contribution units previously forwarded to the account of the Adaptation Fund and still held in that account;

(b) Forward to the Adaptation Fund account, from the accounts of the relevant activity participants, as first-transferred authorized Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions, a quantity equivalent to the difference between the quantity of corresponding mitigation contribution units previously forwarded to the Adaptation Fund account and the quantity remaining in that account;

(c) Update the authorization status of the corresponding mitigation contribution units cancelled for the purpose of delivering overall mitigation in global emissions to authorized Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions;

End of option 1]

[Option 2:

No text.]

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

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

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[24] Decision 6/CMA.6, para. 14(c).