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

Recalling decisions 2/CMA.3, 6/CMA.4, 4/CMA.6 and 19/CMA.7,

1. *Takes note of* the annual report by the secretariat for 2026 on implementation of the guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement;[1]

2. *Notes* Parties' progress in implementing cooperative approaches referred to in Article[2] 6, paragraph 2, as at 18 November 2026, as demonstrated by the information on 66 cooperative approaches, the reports and information submitted by Parties under Article 6, paragraph 2 (initial reports[3] by 26 Parties, updated initial reports[4] by 3 Parties, annual information[5] by 9 Parties and regular information[6] by 3 Parties) and the information on 71 authorizations submitted by 21 Parties;[7]

3. *Expresses appreciation* to the secretariat for its progress in implementing its mandated tasks related to the implementation of the guidance on cooperative approaches;[8]

4. *Recognizes* the importance of continuous improvement in implementing the guidance on cooperative approaches, informed by experience gained and lessons learned, while taking into account different national circumstances and capacities;

I. Article 6 technical expert reviews

5. *Expresses appreciation* to the Article 6 technical expert review teams and the secretariat for the Article 6 technical expert reviews undertaken to date and to Parties for constructive engagement in the review process;

6. *Welcomes* the publication of the Article 6 technical expert review reports from the first two centralized Article 6 technical expert review cycles on the centralized accounting and reporting platform;[9]

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[1] FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/INF.2.
[2] Articles referred to in this decision are Articles of the Paris Agreement.
[3] As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chap. IV.A.
[4] As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, para. 19.
[5] As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chap. IV.B.
[6] As referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chap. IV.C.
[7] Available at https://unfccc.int/es/node/625083.
[8] Contained in decision 2/CMA.3, annex.
[9] The Article 6 technical expert review reports are available at https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/article-6/article-62/carp/cooperative-approaches.

7. *Recalls* that Article 6 technical expert review reports are to be made publicly available;[10]

8. *Invites* Parties, to nominate experts for the Article 6 technical expert reviews with a view to ensuring a sufficient pool of reviewers in the long term, noting that such experts nominated by developed countries are insufficiently represented on the UNFCCC roster of experts;

9. *Takes note of* the compilation and synthesis report by the secretariat on the results of the Article 6 technical expert review of the reports submitted by Parties participating in cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement,[11] including the recurring themes and lessons learned identified therein;

10. *Notes* the inconsistencies identified in the two cycles of Article 6 technical expert reviews conducted to date, and *encourages* the participating Parties concerned to address the inconsistencies identified in accordance with decision 4/CMA.6, paragraphs 39–44,[12] including through coordination between Parties participating in the same cooperative approach;

11. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare its next annual compilation and synthesis report on the results of the Article 6 technical expert review of the reports submitted by Parties participating in cooperative approaches as soon as possible with a view to incorporating the results of the third review cycle and include proposals of options for addressing recurring themes and lessons learned;

12. *Also requests* the secretariat to ensure that information on the determinations by the Article 6 technical expert review teams whether additional information would result in the resolution of inconsistencies in part or in full if included in future reports by the relevant participating Parties, is reflected in the annual compilation and synthesis of the reviews and that such information is published on the centralized accounting and reporting platform;

13. *Further requests* the secretariat to include information on the implementation of the Article 6 code of practice,[13] including the provisions on conflict of interest, in the annual compilation and synthesis report;

14. *Requests* the secretariat to finalize and make publicly available the review practice guidance for the Article 6 technical expert reviews as soon as possible, and to continue to identify and implement means to enhance the efficiency of the Article 6 technical expert review process with a view to ensuring that the results of the Article 6 technical expert reviews adhere to agreed guidelines for the Article 6 technical expert review referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter V (Review);

15. *Welcomes* the informal interactive dialogue on the Article 6 technical expert reviews held at this session;

16. *Requests* the secretariat to organize an informal interactive dialogue on the results of the Article 6 technical expert reviews in conjunction with every second session of the subsidiary bodies starting from the sixty sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2027);

II. Reporting and infrastructure

17. *Requests* the secretariat to prioritize the development and completion of the centralized accounting and reporting platform and the Article 6 database referred to in the annex to decision 2/CMA.3, including all functionalities specified in decisions 2/CMA.3, 6/CMA.4 and 4/CMA.6;

18. *Welcomes* the launch of the first version of the international registry referred to in the annex to decision 2/CMA.3 and its additional registry services referred to in decision 4/CMA.6, paragraph 50;

[10] Decision 2/CMA.3, annex, para. 28.
[11] FCCC/PA/CMA/2026/INF.1.

[12] Decision 19/CMA.7, para. 10.
[13] Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/640303.

19. *Recalls* the strong encouragement to participating Parties and stakeholders participating in cooperative approaches to commit to contribute resources for adaptation, in particular through contributions to the Adaptation Fund;[14]

20. *Also recalls* the strong encouragement to participating Parties and stakeholders participating in cooperative approaches to cancel internationally transferred mitigation outcomes that are not counted towards any Party's nationally determined contribution or for other international mitigation purposes, to deliver overall mitigation in global emissions;[15]

21. *Expresses appreciation* to participating Parties and stakeholders participating in cooperative approaches that have committed to contributing resources for adaptation and to cancelling internationally transferred mitigation outcomes to deliver overall mitigation in global emissions;

22. *Recalls* paragraphs 37–38 of decision 4/CMA.6, and *requests* the secretariat to ensure that the centralized accounting and reporting platform enables the timely tracking of the status of Article 6 technical expert reviews following the publication of each Article 6 technical expert review report;

23. *Notes* the updates to the common nomenclatures made available by the secretariat through the centralized accounting and reporting platform, as well as the updated process developed by the secretariat for requesting the establishment of and changes to common nomenclatures,[16] and *requests* the secretariat to enable, through the common nomenclatures, the voluntary identification by participating Parties of cooperative approaches associated with contributions of resources for adaptation and cancellations of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes towards the delivery of overall mitigation in global emissions;

III. Application of corresponding adjustments

24. *Requests* the secretariat to undertake a technical analysis of the operational and accounting implications of possible dates by which additions and subtractions for a nationally determined contribution implementation period shall be final, as referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, paragraph 12, including implications for reporting timelines, the flexibility provisions contained in the annex to decision 18/CMA.1 and the avoidance of double counting, and to make the analysis available to Parties in its annual report to the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2027);

IV. Capacity-building

25. *Welcomes* the organization by the secretariat, under the capacity-building programme referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, paragraph 12, of the dialogues held in conjunction with the sixty-fourth and sixty-fifth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, among interested Parties and observers to exchange information and experience in how cooperative approaches in which they participate support ambition and *expresses appreciation* to the presenters at and participants in the dialogues;

26. *Expresses appreciation* to the secretariat for 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, and to other stakeholders providing capacity-building support related to Article 6;

27. *Requests* the secretariat to continue implementing activities, including through its regional collaboration centres, aimed at building capacity for preparing initial and updated

[14] Decision 2/CMA.3, annex, para. 37.
[15] Decision 2/CMA.3, annex, para. 39.
[16] Available at https://unfccc.int/documents/641434.

initial reports under Article 6, paragraph 2,[17] including by preparing templates and guidance for those reports, prioritizing the provision of such capacity-building to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States;

V. Administrative, financial and other matters

28. *Expresses concern* about the continued shortfall in resources for mandated tasks of the secretariat relating to Article 6, paragraph 2, and *reiterates* the invitation to Parties to provide voluntary contributions to enable the full development and operationalization of the infrastructure under Article 6, paragraph 2, the conduct of Article 6 technical expert reviews and the implementation of capacity-building activities relating to Article 6, paragraph 2;

29. *Express appreciation* to the Parties that have provided voluntary contributions to the trust fund for supplementary activities;

30. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring adequate, predictable, sustainable funding for the implementation of Article 6, paragraph 2;

31. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue to prudently manage the limited resources available for the implementation of Article 6, paragraph 2, including by finding efficiencies;

32. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 16, 22, 24 and 27 above;

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

[17] Referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chap. IV.