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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the CMA), at its third session, adopted rules, modalities and procedures (hereinafter referred to as the RMPs) for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the mechanism).¹
2. The RMPs define general functions of the registry for the Article 6.4 mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the mechanism registry).² The CMA, at the same session, requested the Supervisory Body of the Article 6.4 mechanism to develop provisions for various processes necessary to operate the Article 6.4 mechanism, including those for the operation of the mechanism registry.³
3. The CMA, in decision 7/CMA.4, elaborated on the requirements for the mechanism registry, in terms of its form and functions, transaction procedure, and connection with the international registry.⁴
4. The CMA, in decision 6/CMA.6 “Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement”, provided further requirements for the mechanism registry connection with the international registry, Party registries and the availability of the mechanism registry to all Parties.⁵ In decision 4/CMA.6, “Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement”, the CMA also provided guidance on the authorization of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes⁶ which impact authorized Article 6.4 emission reductions (hereinafter referred to as AERs) in the mechanism registry.

1.2. Objective

5. The objective of the “Procedure: Article 6.4 registry” (hereinafter referred to as this procedure) is to set out key components and procedural steps and requirements relating to the functioning and the use of the mechanism registry.

¹ Decision 3/CMA.3. “Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex. Available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2021_10a01E.pdf#page=29.

² Ibid. Including, but not limited to, sections V.H, V.J, V.K, VI, VIII and XI.B.

³ Ibid, paragraph 5(a).

⁴ Decision 7/CMA.4 “Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex I. Available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2023_10a02E.pdf#page=37.

⁵ Decision 6/CMA.6. “Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.” Available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2024_17a01E.pdf#page=34.

⁶ Decision 4/CMA.6. “Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.” Available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2024_17a01E.pdf#page=16.

2. Scope, applicability, and entry into force

2.1. Scope

6. This procedure describes the administrative steps to follow for Parties, public and private entities, the Supervisory Body and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat for the issuance of A6.4ERs, the distribution, transfer, retirement and cancellation of A6.4ERs and certified emission reductions, as applicable, interactions of the mechanism registry with the international registry, and the reporting and public availability of the information and data generated by the mechanism registry.

6^{bis} This version of the procedure applies only to emission reductions that are not subject to reversal risk.

6^{ter} This version of the procedure does not include changes or additions on provisions related to:

- (a) Post-issuance authorization and post-issuance change of authorization
- (b) Matters relating to first transfer from a Party that is not the host Party
- (c) Contract standardization and fungibility matters

2.2. Entry into force

7. This version of the procedure enters into force on ~~7 August 2025~~ 30 July 2026.

3. Terms and definitions

8. The following terms apply in this procedure:

- (a) "Shall" is used to indicate requirements which must be followed;
- (b) "Should" is used to indicate that among several possibilities, one course of action is recommended as particularly suitable;
- (c) "May" is used to indicate what is permitted;
- (d) "Party" means any Party to the Paris Agreement;
- (e) "Participating Party" means a Party that has submitted an initial report in respect of ~~their~~ its participation in the Article 6.4 mechanism;⁷
- ~~(f) "Participating Party registry" means the registry nominated as a Participating Party's registry in its initial report.⁸~~
- (g) "Account holder" refers to a Party or ~~an authorized entity~~ ~~public or private entity~~ that ~~has been authorized by a Party to hold~~ an account in the mechanism registry ~~(also referred to as an authorized entity);~~

⁷ Decision 4/CMA.6. "Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement." Paragraph 5.

⁸ ~~Decision 6/CMA.6. "Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement." Paragraph 17.~~

- (h) “Activity participant” refers to an authorized entity that is an activity participant in an activity registered to the Article 6.4 mechanism;
- (i) “Authorized entity” refers to ~~refers to~~ a public or private entity which has been authorized by a Party to open an account in the mechanism registry;
- (j) “Authorized entity under the Article 6.2 framework-a cooperative approach” refers to a public or private entity which has been authorized by a Participating Party under the Article 6.2 framework to open an account in the mechanism registry for holding CERs, MCUs and AERs;
- (k) ~~“Approved entity” refers to a public or private entity which has been authorized by a Party to open an account in the mechanism registry for holding CERs and MCUs only;~~
- (l) “Entity account” refers to an account of an authorized entity in the mechanism registry or an authorized entity under a cooperative approach;
- (m) “Focal point” is any entity, or entities, as described in the “Glossary: Article 6.4 mechanism terms”;⁹
- (n) “AERs” refer to A6.4ERs authorized by the host Party of the Article 6.4 mechanism activity for which the A6.4ERs are issued, for use towards the achievement of nationally determined contributions (hereinafter referred to as NDCs) of Parties and/or for other international mitigation purposes (hereinafter referred to as OIMP) pursuant to paragraph 42 of the RMPs;
- (o) “MCUs” or “mitigation contribution A6.4ERs” refer to A6.4ERs not specified as authorized for use towards the achievement of NDCs of Parties and/or for other international mitigation purposes which may be used, inter alia, for results-based climate finance, domestic mitigation pricing schemes or domestic price-based measures, for the purpose of contributing to the reduction of emission levels in the host Party, pursuant to paragraph 29(b) of annex I to 7/CMA.4;¹⁰
- (p) “A6.4ERs” refer to AERs and MCUs collectively;
- (q) “CERs” refer to certified emission reductions issued under the clean development mechanism (CDM) under the Kyoto Protocol that are eligible for use towards achievement of an NDC and have been transferred from the CDM registry to the mechanism registry in accordance with paragraph 75(b) of the RMPs;¹¹
- (r) “Registry administrator” refers to the secretariat acting in its role to maintain and operate the mechanism registry under the supervision of the Supervisory Body in accordance with paragraph 65 of the RMPs;¹²

⁹ As per “Glossary Article 6.4 mechanism terms”, available at:
<https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-Glossary.pdf>.

¹⁰ Decision 7/CMA.4 “Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex I, paragraph 29(b).

¹¹ Decision 3/CMA.3 “Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex, section XI. B.

¹² Ibid.

- (s) “International registry” refers to the international registry referred to in paragraphs 30–31 of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3;¹³
- (t) “CARP” ~~is the~~ refers to the centralized accounting and reporting platform referred to in chapter VI.C of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3;¹⁴
- (u) “Activity cycle procedures” refers to the “Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects” and the “Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities” adopted by the Supervisory Body, as applicable;¹⁵
- (v) “Forwarding” refers to the movement of A6.4ERs from the pending account ~~which is not a first transfer~~;
- (w) “Transfer” refers to the movement of A6.4ERs or CERs from an account which is not the pending account;
- (x) “First transfer” refers to a forwarding, transfer, or other action with respect to AERs that triggers the corresponding adjustment, reported in the Agreed Electronic Format and included in the structured summary to the accounting of the ~~host first transferring~~ Party as referred to in paragraph 2 of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3;¹⁶ i.e. (i) for AERs authorized by a Participating Party for use towards the achievement of an NDC, the first international transfer of the AER; or (ii) for AERs authorized by a Participating Party for use for other international mitigation purposes, either (1) the authorization; (2) the issuance; or (3) the use or cancellation of the mitigation outcome, as specified by the Participating Party;¹⁸
- (y) “First transferring Party” refers to the Participating Party in which the mitigation outcome was generated; ~~“Other transfer” or “transfer” refers to the movement of A6.4ERs or CERs from an account which is not the pending account, unless that transfer is a first transfer as defined in subparagraph (s) above;~~
- (z) “UNFCCC” or “secretariat” refers to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change secretariat;
- (aa) “Adaptation Fund account” refers to the share of proceeds for adaptation account, which receives A6.4ERs in accordance with paragraph 58 of the RMPs;

¹³ Decision 2/CMA.3 “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex, paragraph 30–31. Available at: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma2021_10a01E.pdf#page=15.

¹⁴ Ibid., chapter VI.C.

¹⁵ Relevant regulations available here: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/constituted-bodies/article-64-supervisory-body/rules-and-regulations>.

¹⁶ Decision 2/CMA.3 “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex.

¹⁷ Glossary: Article 6.4 mechanism terms”. Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-Glossary.pdf>.

¹⁸ Where an AER is authorized for multiple uses, the AER shall be transferred upon the first applicable first transfer triggering event.

- (bb) “Mandatory cancellation for OMGE account” refers to the account for the mandatory cancellation of A6.4ERs for OMGE in accordance with paragraph 59 of the RMPs;
- (cc) “Voluntary cancellation for OMGE account” refers to the account for the voluntary cancellation of AERs for OMGE in accordance with paragraph 70 of the RMPs;
- (dd) “Administrative cancellation account” refers to the account for administrative cancellation of A6.4ERs and CERs tracked in the mechanism registry for corrective actions and other purposes, as necessary;
- (ee) “OMGE” refers to overall mitigation of global emissions;
- (ff) “2/CMA.3” refers to the annex to decision 2/CMA.3;¹⁹
- (gg) “RMPs” refers to the annex to decision 3/CMA.3;²⁰
- (hh) “7/CMA.4” refers to annex I to decision 7/CMA.4;²¹
- (ii) “4/CMA.6” refers to decision 4/CMA.6.²²

4. General

- 9. The registry administrator shall develop and maintain a transactional information system that supports the functioning of the mechanism registry in accordance with this procedure, with a view to automating its functions wherever possible to ensure the accurate and timely functioning of the mechanism registry.
- 10. In accordance with best practices for operating registries, actions undertaken by users in the mechanism registry will be processed automatically when they are made, provided all requirements for the action are met.
- 11. Users are solely responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all actions they undertake in the mechanism registry. Transfers in the mechanism registry are final, and the registry administrator does not warrant that transfers can be reversed.
- 12. The mechanism registry administrator shall not allow the processing of actions where that action would cause an invalidity in the mechanism registry.
- 13. All actions in the mechanism registry will be recorded in Coordinated Universal Time.
- 14. All actions by account holders specified in this procedure are to be undertaken on the registry interface, unless otherwise specified.

¹⁹ Decision 2/CMA.3 “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex.

²⁰ Decision 3/CMA.3 “Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex.

²¹ Decision 7/CMA.4 “Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex I.

²² Decision 4/CMA.6 “Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement”.

15. The secretariat shall host and maintain the mechanism registry and act as its administrator.

5. Accounts

5.1. Account types and statuses

16. The mechanism registry shall include the following account types:
- (a) Pending account, to which all A6.4ERs shall be issued;
 - (b) Holding account, which may acquire A6.4ERs or CERs tracked in the mechanism registry;
 - (c) Adaptation Fund account;
 - (d) Mandatory cancellation for OMGE account;
 - (e) Voluntary cancellation for OMGE account;
 - (f) Retirement account for AERs used towards the achievement of NDC;
 - (g) Retirement account for CERs used towards the achievement of the first or first updated NDC;
 - (h) Account for ~~cancellation use~~ of AERs for ~~other~~ international mitigation purposes;
 - (i) Account for ~~voluntary~~ cancellation of AERs for other purposes;
 - (j) Account for ~~voluntary~~ cancellation of MCUs and CERs for other purposes;
 - (k) Administrative cancellation account;
17. Each account shall be identifiable by a unique account number, designated either upon the establishment of the mechanism registry or at the time the account is opened in accordance with this procedure, as applicable.
18. Accounts in the registry shall carry one of the following statuses:
- (a) Active;
 - (b) Suspended;
 - (c) Suspended pending clarification;
 - (d) Suspended pending termination;
 - (e) Terminated.

5.1.1. Active status

19. When an account has an active status, transfers may be initiated and received in respect of the account.
20. When opened, all accounts have an active status.

5.1.2. Suspended status

21. When an account has a suspended status, no transfers may be initiated or received by the account.
22. Entity accounts may be updated from active status to suspended status in the following circumstances:
 - (a) ~~When an irregularity is found in the operation or use of the registry, which reasonably requires the account to be updated to suspended status;~~
 - (b) ~~When the account holding entity has breached, or is reasonably expected to have breached, the relevant terms and conditions, and the registry administrator determines it is appropriate to update the status of the account to suspended status;~~
 - (c) ~~In exceptional circumstances which provide reasonable basis for the account to be updated to suspended status;~~
 - (d) When the account holding entity requests the account be updated to suspended status;
 - (e) When the account holding entity's authorizing Party requests the account be updated to suspended status;
23. Party accounts may be updated from active status to suspended status in the following circumstances:
 - (a) ~~When an irregularity is found in the operation or use of the registry which reasonably requires the account to be updated to suspended status;~~
 - (b) ~~In exceptional circumstances which provide reasonable basis for the account to be updated to suspended status;~~
 - (c) When the Party requests the account be updated to suspended status.
24. Where an entity account has been updated to suspended status in accordance with 22(a) above, the registry administrator will notify their authorizing Party.
25. Where an entity account has been updated to suspended status in accordance with 22(a), 22(c) and 22(e) with 22(e) above, the registry administrator will notify the entity account holder.
26. ~~Where a Party account has been updated to suspended status in accordance with 23(a) 23(b) above, the registry administrator will notify the Party account holder.~~
27. Accounts that have a suspended status may be updated to active status where the entity or Party that requested the update to suspended status, as applicable, requests the account be updated to active status. ~~the basis of the account's update to suspended status is resolved and the registry administrator or the Supervisory Body, as applicable, determines that updating the account to active status is appropriate.~~
28. Accounts that have a suspended status may be updated to a terminated status in accordance with this procedure.

5.1.3. Suspended pending clarification status

29. When an account has a suspended pending clarification status, no transfers may be initiated or received by the account.
30. Entity accounts may be updated from active status to suspended pending clarification status in the following circumstances:
- (a) When an irregularity is found in the operation or use of the registry, which reasonably requires the account to be updated to suspended pending clarification status;
 - (b) When the account-holding entity has breached, or is reasonably expected to have breached, the relevant terms and conditions, and the registry administrator determines it is appropriate to update the status of the account to suspended pending clarification status;
 - (c) In exceptional circumstances which provide reasonable basis for the account to be updated to suspended pending clarification status;
31. Party accounts may be updated from active status to suspended pending clarification status in the following circumstances:
- (a) When an irregularity is found in the operation or use of the registry which reasonably requires the account to be updated to suspended pending clarification status;
 - (b) In exceptional circumstances which provide reasonable basis for the account to be updated to suspended pending clarification status;
32. Where an entity account has been updated to suspended pending clarification status in accordance with 30(a)-(c), the registry administrator will notify the entity account holder and its authorizing Party and take measures to gather information from the account holder with a view to resolving the basis for suspension.
33. Where a Party account has been updated to suspended pending clarification status in accordance with 31(a) or 31(b), the registry administrator will notify the Party account holder and take measures to gather information from the account holder with a view to resolving the basis for suspension.
34. Where reasonable measures have been taken to gather information pursuant to the basis for suspension, the registry administrator will advise the Supervisory Body on the recommended course of action for the respective account status.
35. Accounts that have a suspended pending clarification status may be updated to active status where the basis for suspension is resolved and the Supervisory Body decides to update the account status to active.
36. Accounts that have a suspended pending clarification status may be updated to a terminated status, or suspended pending termination, where applicable, where the entity account holder or its respective authorizing Party requests that the account status be updated to terminated, or where the upon confirmation from the Supervisory Body.

5.1.4. Suspended pending termination status

37. When an account has a suspended pending termination status, no transfers may be initiated or received by the account except transfers undertaken for the purpose of terminating the account or for administrative cancellation (which are to be manually processed by the registry administrator upon request by the account holder).
38. Entity accounts and Party accounts ~~may~~ shall be updated from active status, ~~or~~ suspended status, ~~or suspended pending clarification status~~ to suspended pending termination status when ~~the~~ the account is requested for termination but A6.4ERs or CERs are held in the account. ~~pending an update to termination status;~~
39. Where an account is updated to suspended pending termination status, the registry administrator shall notify the account holder and its respective authorizing Party, as applicable. ~~an account is updated to suspended pending termination status pursuant to circumstances provided in 34(a), 35(a)35(b) and 37 below, the registry administrator shall notify the affected account holder.~~
40. Where the registry administrator does not receive instructions for the transfer of held A6.4ERs or CERs within six months of the account status update to suspended pending termination, the registry administrator shall transfer all held A6.4ERs and CERs to the administrative cancellation account.
41. ~~Accounts that have a suspended pending termination status may be updated to active status where the account is no longer pending termination.~~
42. Accounts that have a suspended pending termination status shall be updated to terminated status once no A6.4ERs or CERs are held in the account. ~~may be updated to a terminated status in accordance with this procedure.~~

5.1.5. Terminated status

43. When an account has a terminated status, no transfers may be initiated or received by the account. Accounts that have a terminated status may not have further status updates.
44. Except for cancellation accounts, use accounts and retirement accounts, accounts may only be updated to terminated status when they hold no A6.4ERs or CERs.
45. Entity accounts may be updated from active status, suspended status, ~~suspended pending clarification status, or~~ ~~or~~ suspended pending termination status to terminated status in the following circumstances:
- (a) When the entity account holder's authorizing Party requests the account be updated to terminated status, ~~upon confirmation from the Supervisory Body;~~
 - (b) When the entity account holder requests the account be updated to terminated status, ~~upon confirmation from the Supervisory Body;~~
 - (c) When the Supervisory Body decides to update the account status to terminated pursuant to 36 above; or
 - (d) When the account has a suspended pending termination status and no A6.4ERs or CERs are held in the account.

46. Upon approval by the Supervisory Body, entity accounts may be updated from active status, suspended status, or suspended pending termination status to terminated status in the following circumstances:
- (a) When the entity account holder has breached, or is reasonably suspected to have breached, the relevant terms and conditions for use of the registry, and the registry administrator determines that updating the account to terminated status is appropriate;
 - (b) In exceptional circumstances which provide reasonable basis for the account to be updated to terminated status;
47. Party accounts may be updated from active status, suspended status, suspended pending clarification status, or suspended pending termination status to terminated status when the Party requests that the account be updated to terminated status or where the account was updated to suspended pending clarification termination status pursuant to 31(b), upon decision by the Supervisory Body.
- 47^{bis} Party accounts may be updated from active status, suspended status, suspended pending clarification status or suspended pending termination status to terminated status under the following circumstances:
- (a) When the Party requests the account be updated to terminated status, upon confirmation from the Supervisor Body;
 - (b) When the Supervisory Body decides to update the account status to terminated pursuant to paragraph 36 above; or
 - (c) When the account has a suspended pending termination status and no A6.4ERs or CERs are held in the account.
48. Upon approval by the Supervisory Body, Party accounts may be updated from active status, suspended status, or suspended pending termination status to terminated status in exceptional circumstances which provide reasonable basis for the account to be updated to terminated status;
49. Except for cancellation accounts and retirement accounts, accounts may only be updated to terminated status when they hold no A6.4ERs or CERs.
50. When an account which is not a cancellation or retirement account is requested to be updated to terminated status but it holds A6.4ERs and/or CERs, the registry administrator will update the account to suspended pending termination status until the A6.4ERs and/or CERs are transferred pursuant to section 7.1 below and notify the account holder accordingly. If the registry administrator does not receive a request for transfer of held A6.4ERs and CERs in the account within 6 weeks, the registry administrator will schedule to transfer the held A6.4ERs or CERs to the administrative cancellation account and update the account to terminated status.
51. Approved updates Status updates to terminated status shall be processed on the 10th of each month or the following working day.

5.2. Accounts held by the registry administrator

52. The registry administrator shall open the following accounts upon the establishment of the mechanism registry:
- (a) The Pending account, as referred to in paragraph 16(a) above;
 - (b) The Mandatory cancellation for OMGE account;
 - (c) The Voluntary cancellation for OMGE account;
 - (d) The Administrative cancellation account;

5.3. The Adaptation Fund account

53. The registry administrator shall open the Adaptation Fund account and designate the Adaptation Fund Trustee as the account holder. Representatives of the Adaptation Fund Trustee may administer the account upon successful completion of applicable identity verification processes.

5.4. Party accounts

54. Parties may request to open the following accounts in the mechanism registry:
- (a) Holding account, as referred to in paragraph 16(b) above;
 - (b) Retirement account for AERs, as referred to in paragraph 16(f) above;
 - (c) Retirement account for CERs, as referred to in paragraph 16(g) above;
 - (d) Account for the ~~cancellation–use~~ of AERs for ~~other~~ international mitigation purposes, as referred to in paragraph 16(h) above;
 - (e) Account for the ~~voluntary~~ cancellation of AERs for other purposes, as referred to in paragraph 16(i) above;
 - (f) Account for the ~~voluntary~~ cancellation of CERs and MCUs for other purposes, as referred to in ~~16~~ 16(j) above.
55. Parties, via their DNA, may request to open accounts in the mechanism registry via the online interface. ~~To open an account, a Party must, via their DNA, submit the applicable form on the designated interface on the UNFCCC website.~~ This must include designating at least two representatives who shall be subject to identity verification processes of the Article 6.4 mechanism, and who shall assume the authority and responsibility for all actions related to the account.
56. The registry administrator will treat Party account holders as having considered all rules and regulations related to the mechanism registry, and any other information provided to them with respect to the mechanism registry, prior to opening an account.
57. ~~Upon receipt of an account opening request the applicable form~~ from a DNA, the registry administrator shall, within a reasonable timeframe, undertake any applicable identity verification processes.²³ ~~The registry administrator shall notify the requesting Party of the~~

²³ Which shall include “know-your-customer” measures developed for the mechanism registry.

outcome of the identity verification processes. Upon successful completion of the verification processes, the registry administrator shall open the requested Party account(s).

5.5. Authorized entity accounts

58. Subject to the acceptance and continued compliance with the relevant terms and conditions and the successful completion of any applicable identity verification processes,²⁴ authorized entities may open holding account(s) in the mechanism registry. The opening and maintenance of authorized entity accounts is subject to fees in accordance with the fee schedule contained in Appendix 1.

59. All authorized entities (including activity participants) must designate at least two authorized representatives who assume the authority and responsibility for all actions regarding all accounts of the entity in the mechanism registry.

60. Upon receipt of the applicable form for opening the entities account from their authorizing Party's DNA or the activity participant, as applicable per 5.5.1 and 5.5.2 below, the registry administrator shall undertake any applicable identity verification processes. Upon successful completion of the verification processes, the registry administrator shall invoice the authorized entity for any applicable fees. Upon receipt of any applicable fees, the registry administrator shall open the requested account(s).

61. Each holding account may only be authorized by one Party. Entities may be account holders of multiple holding accounts, each authorized by a different Party.

5.5.1. Non-activity participant authorized entity accounts (not activity participants)

62. Subject to the acceptance and continued compliance with the relevant terms and conditions and the successful completion of any applicable identity verification processes,²⁵ non-activity participant entities which have been authorized by a Party may open holding account(s) in the mechanism registry.

63. The opening and maintenance of non-activity-participant authorized entity accounts is subject to fees in accordance with the fee schedule contained in Appendix one.

64. Non-activity participant authorized entities must designate at least two authorized representatives who assume the authority and responsibility for all actions regarding all accounts of the entity in the mechanism registry.

65. Non-activity participant entities may request to open accounts in the mechanism registry via the online interface. Upon receipt of such a request, the registry administrator shall notify the designated authorizing Party for authorization and approval of the entity to open accounts associated to the Party in the mechanism registry. Where the Party is a Participating Party, the Party must specify whether it also authorizes the entity as an authorized entity under the Article 6.2 framework a cooperative approach.

66. Upon authorization and approval from the designated authorizing Party, the registry administrator shall, within a reasonable timeframe, undertake any applicable identity

²⁴ Ibid.

²⁵ Ibid.

verification processes. The registry administrator shall notify the requesting entity of the outcome of the identity verification processes.

67. Upon successful completion of the verification processes, the registry administrator shall invoice the authorized entity for any applicable fees. Upon receipt of any applicable fees, the registry administrator shall open the requested account(s) and provide relevant holding permissions for the account pursuant to its authorization information.

68. Each holding account may only be associated with the Party that authorized the entity. An entity authorized by multiple Parties may open separate accounts associated with each Party that provided the authorization, ~~Entities authorized by a Party may open accounts in respect~~ Each holding account may only be authorized by one Party. ~~Entities may be account holders of multiple holding accounts, each authorized by a different Party pursuant to paragraphs 65–67 above.~~

69. ~~To open a holding account in the mechanism registry, entities that are not activity participants shall submit, via the DNA representative of the Party authorizing the entity, the applicable form through a dedicated UNECCC website interface.~~

5.5.2. Activity participant ~~entity~~ accounts

70. Activity participant accounts in the mechanism registry shall be opened subject to the acceptance of and continued compliance with the relevant terms and conditions and the successful completion of any applicable identity verification processes.²⁶

71. The opening and maintenance of activity participant accounts is subject to the fees for authorized entity accounts in accordance with the fee schedule contained in Appendix one.

72. Activity participants must designate at least two authorized representatives who assume the authority and responsibility for all actions regarding all accounts of the entity in the mechanism registry.

73. To open a holding account in the mechanism registry, activity participants must the request via the online interface ~~submit the applicable form directly to the registry administrator. This form does not need to be submitted via the activity participant's authorizing DNA; instead, activity participants must attaching it to~~ the submission of their *Host Party approval and authorization of activity participants form for Article 6.4 projects (A6.4-FORM-GOV-010)*²⁷ and/or *Authorization of activity participants by other participating parties form for Article 6.4 projects (A6.4-FORM-GOV-011)*.²⁸

74. Upon receipt of the request from the activity participant, the registry administrator shall, within a reasonable timeframe, undertake any applicable identity verification processes. The registry administrator shall notify the activity participant of the outcome of the identity verification processes.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Host Party approval and authorization of activity participants form for Article 6.4 projects (A6.4-FORM-GOV-010) or, for programmes of activities, Host Party approval and authorization of activity participants form for Article 6.4 programmes of activities (A6.4-FORM-GOV-014).

²⁸ Authorization of activity participants by other participating parties form for Article 6.4 projects (A6.4-FORM-GOV-011) or, for programmes of activities, Authorization of activity participants by other participating parties form for Article 6.4 programmes of activities (A6.4-FORM-GOV-015).

75. Upon successful completion of the verification processes, the registry administrator shall invoice the activity participant for any applicable fees. Upon receipt of any applicable fees, the registry administrator shall open the requested account(s) and provide relevant holding permissions for the account pursuant to whether the entity is an authorized entity under the Article 6.2 framework a cooperative approach.

6. A6.4ERs and CERs

76. Each A6.4ER shall be indivisible and equal to 1 tCO₂-e pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of the RMPs.²⁹
77. Each A6.4ER and/or CER shall be held in only one account in the mechanism registry at any given time.

6.1. Issuance of A6.4ERs

78. Upon approval of a request for issuance of A6.4ERs by the Supervisory Body in accordance with the “Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure”, the registry administrator will receive an issuance instruction³⁰ containing the specification and quantity of A6.4ERs to be issued.³¹
79. The registry administrator shall review the issuance instruction for completeness and validity, and if deemed complete and valid, the registry administrator shall effect the issuance in the mechanism registry, which shall trigger the following:
- (a) Notification to the focal points of the final approval of issuance;
 - (b) The mechanism registry shall issue and forward a 5 per cent share or a higher per cent share if specified by the activity participants in their request for issuance, of the MCUs and/or AERs, as applicable, A6.4ERs to the Adaptation Fund account, unless the host Party is a least developed country or a small island developing State using the exemption from the share of proceeds for adaptation;³²

²⁹ Decision 3/CMA.3 “Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex.

³⁰ The issuance instruction is automatically communicated from the Mechanism Information System and delivered to the registry administrator. The issuance instruction contains all data fields necessary to form the unique identifier of A6.4ERs to be issued and the modalities of communication with activity participants on matters related to issuance and distribution.

³¹ Provided in accordance with the “Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for projects” (A6.4-PROC-AC-002). Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-PROC-AC-002.pdf> or the “Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities” (A6.4-PROC-AC-003). Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-PROC-AC-003.pdf>.

³² Pursuant to paragraph 20 of decision 6/CMA.6, “Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement”.

- ~~pursuant to paragraph 20 of decision 6/CMA.6, “Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement”^{33, 34,}~~
- (c) The mechanism registry shall issue and forward ~~a~~ 2 per cent ~~share~~ or a higher per cent ~~share~~ if specified by the activity participants in their request for issuance, of the ~~A6.4ERs~~MCUs and/or AERs, as applicable, to the mandatory cancellation for OMGE account;
- ~~(d) If the A6.4ERs forwarded in accordance with (b) and (c) above are authorized,³⁵ they shall be issued as AERs. Upon forwarding to the Adaptation Fund account and the mandatory cancellation for OMGE account, the respective AERs shall be marked as “first transferred”;~~
- ~~(e) If the A6.4ERs forwarded in accordance with (b) and (c) above are not authorized, they shall be issued as MCUs;~~
- (f) The distribution form³⁶ is sent to the focal points for their completion to inform the registry administrator ~~on to~~ which accounts the remaining A6.4ERs shall be distributed upon issuance.³⁷
80. Upon receipt of the distribution ~~form instruction form~~ via the online interface from the ~~focal points~~activity participant focal points via the online interface, the mechanism registry shall automatically issue the remaining ~~MCUs and/or AERs~~ A6.4ERs into the pending account and immediately forward them according to the distribution instructions.³⁸ The focal points may submit the distribution ~~form instruction form~~ for partial issuance and distribution of the total quantity of A6.4ERs approved for issuance ~~by the registry administrator~~.
81. The registry administrator shall deem a distribution form invalid if any of the accounts to which the A6.4ERs are to be distributed are suspended, ~~suspended pending clarification, suspended pending termination,~~ terminated, invalid, or ineligible to receive the proposed A6.4ERs.
82. If the registry administrator deems an issuance instruction or a distribution form to be incomplete, incorrect, or invalid, the actions provided in paragraph 79 and/or 80 above shall not be executed and the registry administrator shall notify the focal points as appropriate.

³³ ~~Decision 6/CMA.6. “Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement”;~~

³⁴ ~~Communicated through their activity approval in accordance with the section 4.4 of the “Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure” (A6.4-PROC-AC-002) or section 4.4 of the “Procedure: Article 6.4 activity cycle procedure for programmes of activities” (A6.4-PROC-AC-003).~~

³⁵ ~~A statement of authorization has been provided in accordance with the activity cycle procedures, which authorizes the respective A6.4ERs.~~

³⁶ Article 6.4 mechanism registry distribution request form. Available at: <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/A6.4-FORM-REGS-005.pdf>.

³⁷ See paragraph 81 on invalid issuance instructions.

³⁸ Activity participants should note that post-issuance authorization is only possible for MCUs distributed to and still held in an account of the activity participant.

83. Upon their issuance, each A6.4ER shall be assigned uniquely identifying information that shall remain immutable throughout the lifetime of an A6.4ER, comprising:
- (a) “UN01”, designating the mechanism registry as the issuing registry;
 - (b) The host Party identifier as per the common nomenclature of Parties, as published on the UNFCCC website;³⁹
 - (c) The calendar year in respect of which the A6.4ER is issued (vintage year).
84. In addition to the uniquely identifying information provided in paragraph 83 above, each MCU shall be assigned a flag to identify whether the MCU may be post-issuance authorized pursuant to the statement of authorization provided by the host Party, as follows:
- (a) “PIA”, indicating that it may be post-issuance authorized; or
 - (b) “NPIA”, indicating that it may not be post-issuance authorized.⁴⁰
85. In addition to the uniquely identifying information provided in paragraph 83 above, each AER shall be assigned the following information:
- (a) “CA0001”, identifying that the AER is issued in respect of the cooperative approach designated under the common nomenclature of Article 6.2 cooperative approaches, corresponding to the use of the Article 6.4 mechanism between Parties to the Paris Agreement;
 - (b) A flag to indicate the AER’s authorization, type flag or flags, as applicable, as follows:
 - (i) “NDC”, if the AER is authorized for use towards an NDC only; or
 - (ii) “OIMP” if the AER is authorized for use towards other international mitigation purposes only; or
 - (iii) “IMP” if the AER is authorized for use towards international mitigation purposes only; or
 - (iv) “OP” if the AER is authorized for use towards other purposes only; or
 - (v) “NDC and OIMP” if the AER is authorized for use towards NDC and use towards other international mitigation purposes only; or
 - (vi) “NDC and IMP” if the AER is authorized for use towards NDC and use towards international mitigation purposes only; or
 - (vii) “NDC and OP” if the AER is authorized for use towards NDC and other purposes only;

³⁹ Relevant link to the Common Nomenclatures list is available here: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement/cooperative-implementation/carp-submission-portal/common-nomenclatures-0>. Note, where the A6.4ER is an AER, this shall be the first transferring participating Party in which the mitigation outcome was generated.

⁴⁰ Note, this flag will update in accordance with the MCUs eligibility for post-issuance authorization pursuant to CMA guidance.

- (c) If the AER is authorized for OIMP, a flag to indicate the first transfer definition, as follows:
 - (i) “Authorization” if the Party has specified the first transfer definition as its authorization; or
 - (ii) “Issuance” if the Party has specified the first transfer definition as its issuance; or
 - (iii) “Use or cancellation” if the Party has specified the first transfer definition as its use or cancellation;
 - ~~(iv) “I”, if the AER is authorized for use towards international mitigation purposes;~~
 - ~~(v) “O”, if the AER is authorized for use towards other purposes;~~
- (d) A flag to indicate whether the Party has provided terms and conditions in its authorization specifying circumstances for changes to the authorization after the first transfer of the mitigation outcomes, as follows:
 - (i) “C”, if the Party has provided terms and conditions in the **statement of authorization of the AERs authorization** specifying circumstances for changes to the **AER’s authorization after its first transfer, or;**
 - (ii) “NC”, if the Party has not provided terms and conditions in **the statement of authorization of the AERs the AERs authorization** specifying circumstances for changes to the **AER’s authorization after its first transfer.**
- (e) If the AER has been first transferred: The flag “FT”.

6.2. Post-issuance authorization (this section will be enhanced in future iterations once the surrounding discussions are mature)

- 86. If a host Party submits a post-issuance authorization of its issued MCUs in accordance with the Activity cycle procedures, the registry administrator shall verify that the relevant conditions for providing such authorization are satisfied.⁴¹
- 87. If it is confirmed that the conditions referred to in paragraph 86 above are satisfied and the post-issuance authorization can be processed⁴², the registry administrator shall update the eligible affected MCUs to be AERs accordingly.
- 88. If the registry administrator identifies that the conditions related to providing a post-issuance authorization of the affected MCUs are not satisfied, or the proposed post-issuance authorization would create an invalidity in the mechanism registry, the registry administrator shall not process the proposed post-issuance authorization and shall notify the host Party accordingly.

⁴¹ Conditions referred to in the activity cycle procedures.

⁴² The post-issuance authorization does not create an invalidity in the mechanism registry.

6.3. ~~Post-issuance change of authorization (this section will be enhanced in future iterations once the surrounding discussions are mature)~~

89. If a host Party submits a change of authorization statement in accordance with Activity cycle procedures with respect to issued A6.4ERs, and the affected A6.4ERs are held in the mechanism registry, the registry administrator shall verify that the relevant conditions for providing such change of authorization are satisfied.⁴³
90. If the conditions referred to in paragraph 89 above are confirmed to be satisfied, the affected A6.4ERs are held in the mechanism registry, and the change of authorization is able to be processed, the mechanism registry administrator shall update the eligible affected A6.4ERs accordingly.
91. If the mechanism registry administrator identifies that the conditions related to providing a post-issuance change of authorization of the affected A6.4ERs are not satisfied, or the proposed change of authorization would create an invalidity in the mechanism registry, the registry administrator shall not process the proposed post-issuance authorization and shall notify the host Party accordingly.

6.4. Updates to A6.4ERs after the final date for first transfer

92. Where an AER has not been first transferred by the final date for its first transfer, upon this date, it shall be updated to be an MCU.⁴⁴

6.5. Receipt of CERs from the CDM registry

93. CERs may be received by account holders in the mechanism registry (from account holders in the CDM registry) in accordance with paragraph 115 below.
94. Upon its receipt into the mechanism registry, each CER shall be assigned unique information, comprising:
- (a) A “CER” flag;
 - (b) A “2013-2020” flag, indicating that the CER corresponds to a pre-2021 emission reduction;
 - (c) The Kyoto Protocol serial number assigned to the CER as transferred from the CDM registry.⁴⁵

⁴³ Conditions referred to in the Activity cycle procedures.

⁴⁴ In accordance with paragraph 12 of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3 and paragraph 14 of decision 4/CMA.6, as applicable.

⁴⁵ Decision 7/CMA.4 “Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement” Annex I, paragraph 19.

7. Transfers

7.1. General

95. When a holding account status is active ~~or suspended pending termination status~~, the account holder may transfer held A6.4ERs and/or CERs to other account(s) by specifying at a minimum:

- (a) The unique identifiers of the A6.4ERs or CERs for transfer, as applicable;
- (b) The destination account(s).

95^{bis} When a holding account status is active or in suspended pending termination status, the account holder may request the registry administrator to transfer held A6.4ERs and/or CERs to other account(s) by specifying at a minimum:

- (a) The unique identifiers of the A6.4ERs or CERs for transfer, as applicable;
- (b) The destination account(s).

95^{ter} Transfers of AERs shall be valid transactions, pursuant to the provisions in the "Communications standards for interoperability and recommended practices for transactions with internationally transferred mitigation outcomes".

95^{quater} MCUs shall only be transferred to the following accounts:

- (a) Other holding accounts;
- (b) Accounts for the cancellation of CERs and MCUs for other purposes;
- (c) The Mandatory cancellation for OMGE account;
- (d) The Voluntary cancellation for OMGE account;
- (e) The administrative cancellation account;
- (f) The Adaptation Fund account.

95^{quinquies} CERs shall only be transferred to the following accounts

- (a) Other holding accounts;
- (b) CER retirement account for use towards its first or first updated NDC;
- (c) Accounts for the cancellation of CERs and MCUs for other purposes; or
- (d) The administrative cancellation account.

96. When one account holder requests to transfer A6.4ERs or CERs to another account holder, the registry administrator shall assess the validity of the proposed transaction, pursuant to paragraphs 95^{ter}, 95^{quater} and 95^{quinquies} above. Where the proposed transaction is deemed valid, the registry administrator shall notify the recipient account holder of the request for transfer for their acceptance or rejection. Until the recipient account holder accepts or rejects the transfer, the transferring account holder may withdraw the request at any time. If the recipient account holder accepts the transfer, the respective A6.ERs and/or CERs shall be automatically transferred in accordance with the

specifications in the transfer request. If the recipient account holder rejects the transfer, the registry administrator shall notify the account holder that requested the transfer, and void the request. Where the proposed transaction is deemed not valid, the registry administrator shall inform the account holder accordingly.

97. When an account holder requests to transfer A6.4ERs or CERs between its own accounts, the A6.ERs and/or CERs shall be automatically transferred in accordance with the specifications in the transfer request.
98. A6.4ERs or CERs held in cancellation or retirement accounts may not be transferred to any other account. These accounts are listed in paragraph 16 (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (j) and (k).

7.2. Transfer to an account for use towards nationally determined contributions (Retirement)

99. ~~Participating Parties may transfer AERs issued in respect of mitigation from another participating Party from their holding account to their retirement account corresponding to the applicable NDC period. A participating Party may transfer AERs acquired from another participating Party, from their own holding account to their own NDC retirement account for the applicable NDC period (referred to in paragraph 16(f) above). Authorized entities may transfer AERs acquired issued in respect of mitigation from a Party that is different to the participating Party that authorized them, by transferring the AERs from their holding account to the retirement account of their authorizing Party corresponding to the applicable NDC period of their authorizing Party.~~

- 99^{bis} Participating Parties may not transfer AERs which have been issued in respect of mitigation achieved from activities for which they are listed as the host Party into their own NDC retirement account.

100. Parties may transfer CERs from their holding account to their CER retirement account for use towards its first or first updated NDC (referred to in paragraph 16(g) above). Authorized entities may transfer CERs from their holding account to the CER retirement account for use towards its first or first updated NDC of their authorizing Party.

7.3. Transfer to an account for use or cancellation (Use or cancellation)

101. Participating Parties and authorized entities may transfer AERs and MCUs from their holding account to the voluntary cancellation for OMGE account.
102. Participating Parties may transfer AERs from their holding account to an account opened by them for ~~cancellation use~~ of AERs for international mitigation purposes (referred to in paragraph 16(h) above). Authorized entities may transfer AERs from their holding account to an account for ~~cancellation use~~ of AERs for international mitigation purposes (referred to in paragraph 16(h) above) of their authorizing Party.
103. Participating Parties may transfer AERs from their holding account to an account opened by them for ~~voluntary~~ cancellation of AERs for other purposes in the mechanism registry (referred to in paragraph 16(i) above). Authorized entities may transfer AERs from their holding account to an account for ~~voluntary~~ cancellation of AERs for other purposes in the mechanism registry (referred to in paragraph 16(i) above) of their authorizing Party.

104. Parties may transfer MCUs and CERs from their holding account to an account opened by them for **voluntary** cancellation of MCUs and CERs in the mechanism registry (referred to in paragraph 16(j) above). Authorized entities may transfer MCUs and CERs from their holding account to an account for **voluntary** cancellation of MCUs and CERs in the mechanism registry (referred to in paragraph 16(j) above) of their authorizing Party.
105. The registry administrator may transfer A6.4ERs and/or CERs held in an account with a suspended pending termination status to an account upon the instruction from the account holder, pursuant to paragraph 37 above, or to the Administrative cancellation account, pursuant to paragraph 40 above. Transfers to the Administrative cancellation account shall not constitute a first transfer.

7.4. First transfer

106. In accordance with decision 2/CMA.3⁴⁶ and decision 6/CMA.4,⁴⁷ where a participating Party has authorized an A6.4ER for use towards other international mitigation purposes, it must specify in its authorization the specification of “first transfer” for the A6.4ER, which is to be provided in accordance with the Activity cycle procedures.
107. AERs shall be identified with their first transfer status, in addition to their unique identifier in accordance with paragraph 85 above. In accordance with section 9 below, the first transfer status of AERs shall be publicly available on the UNFCCC website and included in the reports to DNAs referred to in paragraph 125. This information may be utilized by Participating Parties for the purposes of paragraph 13 of 4/CMA.6.⁴⁸
108. If the **participating first transferring** Party specifies the first transfer of a mitigation outcome as the authorization or issuance, the affected AER shall be identified as “first transferred” immediately upon its authorization or issuance, as applicable, in the mechanism registry.
109. If the **participating first transferring** Party has authorized a mitigation outcome for other international mitigation purposes only, with the specification of first transfer as its use or cancellation, it shall be identified as first transferred upon its earliest transfer or forwarding, as applicable, to the Adaptation Fund account, or an account for **use retirement** or cancellation, including the accounts provided by paragraph 16 (d), **(e)**, (h), (i) and excluding the administrative cancellation account. ~~and (m).~~
110. If the **participating first transferring** Party has authorized a mitigation outcome for use towards the achievement of an NDC only, it shall be identified as first transferred upon its earliest transfer or forwarding, as applicable, to:
- (a) The Adaptation Fund account; or
 - (b) The mandatory cancellation for OMGE account; or
 - ~~(c) A retirement account for AERs used towards the achievement of NDC; or~~

⁴⁶ Decision 2/CMA.3 “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement” Annex, paragraph 30-31.

⁴⁷ Decision 6/CMA.4 “Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement” Paragraph 5.

⁴⁸ Decision 4/CMA.6. “Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement”

- (d) An account held by or authorized by another participating Party.
111. If the ~~participating first transferring~~ Party has authorized a mitigation outcome for both use towards the achievement of an NDC or other international mitigation purposes, with the specification of first transfer as its use or cancellation, it shall be identified as first transferred upon its earliest transfer or forwarding, as applicable, to:
- (a) The Adaptation Fund account;
- (b) An account for cancellation, including the accounts provided by paragraph 16 (d), (e), (h), (i), ~~unless that account is the administrative cancellation account and (m);~~
- ~~(c) A retirement account for AERs used towards the achievement of NDC;~~
- (d) An account held by or authorized by another participating Party.
112. The transfer of an AER to the ~~a~~Administrative cancellation account shall not trigger the identification of the AER as ~~"first transferred"~~.

8. Interaction with other systems

113. The mechanism registry shall interact with the following systems at a minimum, as required for its operation:
- (a) The CARP;
- (b) The international registry;
- (c) The CDM registry;
- (d) Participating Parties' registries;
- (e) The Article 6.4 mechanism information system;
- (f) The United Nations Enterprise Resource Planning System.
114. Regarding the interaction with the international registry, and pursuant to paragraph 49 of 7/CMA.4 and paragraph 23 of annex I to decision 6/CMA.4,⁴⁹ the mechanism registry shall be connected to the international registry. This connection shall:
- (a) Allow for automated pulling and viewing of data and information on holdings and the action history of AERs for use by Parties participating in the Article 6.4 mechanism that have an account in the mechanism registry ~~or that have authorized entities to hold an account in the mechanism registry~~. In accordance with paragraph 17 of decision 6/CMA.6,⁵⁰ it shall also enable the transfer of AERs to the international registry, consistent with the interoperability arrangements applicable to all registries described in section I.B of annex I to decision

⁴⁹ Decision 6/CMA.4 "Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement" Annex I, paragraph 23.

⁵⁰ Decision 6/CMA.6. "Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement" Paragraph 17.

6/CMA.4,⁵¹ and support the execution of the functions listed in paragraph 29 of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3;⁵²

- (b) Enable the execution of the functions referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of annex I to decision 6/CMA.4.⁵³

115. Regarding the interaction with the CDM registry:

- (a) Pursuant to paragraph 75(b) of the RMPs,⁵⁴ the mechanism registry shall be able to receive data from the CDM registry for the purpose of transferring CERs;
- (b) Pursuant to paragraph 18 of 7/CMA.4⁵⁵ the transfer data received by the mechanism administrator shall include the full serial numbers of the eligible CERs and the identification of the receiving account. All transfer data shall be subject to a reconciliation process to be developed and implemented by the registry administrators of the two registries (the secretariat). Pursuant to paragraph 19 of 7/CMA.4,⁵⁶ the registry administrator shall check the transfer data received from the CDM registry and shall record transferred eligible CERs in the receiving accounts as communicated by the CDM registry administrator;
- (c) Pursuant to paragraph 20 of 7/CMA.4,⁵⁷ the mechanism registry may continue to receive transfers of CERs from the CDM registry until a date to be determined by the CMA, noting that the CDM registry will be closed as per decision 4/CMP.20.

116. Regarding the interaction with participating Parties' registries, pursuant to paragraph 17 of decision 6/CMA.6,⁵⁸ participating Parties' registries referred to in paragraph 29 of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3⁵⁹ may voluntarily connect to the mechanism registry. This connection shall enable the transfer of AERs, consistent with decision 6/CMA.4, annex I, paragraphs 9–10, while ensuring the avoidance of double-counting, consistent with

⁵¹ Decision 6/CMA.4 "Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement" Annex I, section I.B.

⁵² Decision 2/CMA.3 "Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement" Annex, paragraph 29.

⁵³ Decision 6/CMA.4 "Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement" Annex I, paragraphs 9-10.

⁵⁴ Decision 3/CMA.3 "Rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement" Annex.

⁵⁵ Decision 7/CMA.4 "Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement" Annex I, paragraph 18.

⁵⁶ Ibid., paragraph 19.

⁵⁷ Decision 7/CMA.4 "Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement" Annex I, paragraph 19.

⁵⁸ Decision 6/CMA.6. "Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement"

⁵⁹ Decision 2/CMA.3 "Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement" Annex, paragraph 29.

paragraph 18 of annex I to decision 6/CMA.4,⁶⁰ and the ability to pull and view data and information on holdings and the action history of AERs.

117. Regarding the interaction with the CARP, and pursuant to paragraph 46 of annex I to decision 7/CMA.4, the interaction shall enable the synchronization of common nomenclatures, automated prefilling of the agreed electronic format, and the fulfilment of other quantitative information requirements pursuant to chapter IV (Reporting) of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3.⁶¹
118. The registry administrator shall manage data exchanges between the mechanism registry and other systems in accordance with standards and recommended practices to be developed in accordance with decision 6/CMA.4.⁶²

9. Reporting and transparency

9.1. Publicly available information

119. Pursuant to paragraph 48 of annex I to 7/CMA.4,⁶³ the registry administrator shall make non-confidential information relating to the activities of the mechanism registry publicly available and provide a publicly accessible interface on the UNFCCC website.
120. The mechanism registry shall stream information on the activities of the mechanism registry to the public in real time through the dedicated interface on the UNFCCC website in real time. This information shall include the information, at minimum **for both the reporting period and cumulative, on:**
- (a) **The total quantity of:**
- (i) AERs and MCUs issued;
 - (i)^{bis} **CERs received from the CDM registry;**
 - (ii) AERs first transferred;
 - (iii) AERs, MCUs and CERs cancelled, both mandatorily and voluntarily, by cancellation type and purpose; **and**
 - (iii)^{bis} **AERs and MCUs forwarded to the Adaptation Fund;**
 - (iii)^{ter} **AERs used for international mitigation purposes;**
 - (iv) AERs and CERs retired during the reporting **by account type period and cumulatively since the beginning of the first report;**

⁶⁰ Decision 6/CMA.4 “Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement.” Annex I, paragraph 18.

⁶¹ Decision 2/CMA.3 “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement”.

⁶² Decision 6/CMA.4 “Matters relating to cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement”.

⁶³ Decision 7/CMA.4 “Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement” Annex I, paragraph 48.

(b) The quantity of AERs, MCUs and CERs held in each holding account, disaggregated by vintage year, authorization status, and where applicable, whether they have been first transferred. ~~their first transfer status, as applicable.~~

121. The registry administrator shall publish quarterly a report on the status of each account held in the mechanism registry, subject to confidentiality.

122. The registry administrator shall annually prepare:

- (a) Input for inclusion in the annual report of the Supervisory Body to the CMA regarding the activities of the mechanism registry;
- (b) Input for inclusion in the annual report of the secretariat to the CMA on the infrastructure, as per paragraph 36(c) of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3.⁶⁴

123. Party-specific information as described in section 9.2 below, shall also be made available on the publicly accessible interface on the UNFCCC website.

9.2. Party-specific information

124. Pursuant to paragraph 46 of decision 7/CMA.4,⁶⁵ the registry administrator shall, for each Participating Party, prepare the automatic prefilling of the agreed electronic format and other quantitative information requirements pursuant to section IV (Reporting) of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3⁶⁶ in relation to AERs and the creation of records of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes in the accounts of the international registry so as to enable tracking pursuant to chapter VI.A (Tracking) of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3.⁶⁷ This information shall be delivered to the CARP in accordance with section 8 above.

125. Pursuant to paragraph 47 of 7/CMA.4,⁶⁸ the registry administrator shall produce and disseminate monthly reports to the DNAs of Parties participating in the Article 6.4 mechanism on the holdings and transaction history, including whether AERs have been first transferred ~~the first transfer status of AERs~~, in relation to the accounts and transactions associated with the respective Parties.⁶⁹

9.3. Account holder reports

126. Account holders may, via the online interface, request reports from the registry administrator on their current and historical account holdings. Upon receipt of such a

⁶⁴ Decision 2/CMA.3 “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement” Annex, paragraph 36 c).

⁶⁵ Decision 7/CMA.4 “Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement” Annex I, paragraph 46.

⁶⁶ Decision 2/CMA.3 “Guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement” Annex, section IV.

⁶⁷ Ibid. section VI.A.

⁶⁸ Decision 7/CMA.4 “Guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement” Annex I, paragraph 47.

⁶⁹ ~~Decision 6/CMA.6. “Further guidance on the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement.” Paragraph 14 (b).~~

request, the registry administrator shall produce and provide the report to the requesting account holder.

10. Security of the mechanism registry

127. The mechanism registry shall be developed and operated according to best practice standards for registries, including in relation to its security and accessibility.
128. The registry administrator shall periodically conduct maintenance on the mechanism registry to ensure its continued security and proper functioning in accordance with best practice standards. During these times, access to the mechanism registry will be suspended for all (or all affected) users. Where possible, the registry administrator shall provide reasonable advance notice of any planned suspension of access.
129. The mechanism registry shall be provided to all users, on an 'as-is' basis. The registry administrator does not provide any warrant that the mechanism registry will be free from any viruses, malicious software or glitches; or that the information displayed on it is accurate, complete, or free from unauthorized alterations, including through malicious attacks or any other unauthorized third-party interventions.
130. Account holders are responsible for protecting their account login details from misuse or fraud and for promptly reporting any suspicious behaviour or functionality to the registry administrator via the dedicated interface on the UNFCCC website. If an account holder believes its account has been wrongfully accessed, they are responsible for contacting the registry administrator as soon as possible via the dedicated interface on the UNFCCC website or other official communication channels.
131. If the registry administrator suspects that there has been a breach of IT security or identifies a serious security risk that threatens the integrity of the system, it shall suspend all access to the mechanism registry. In such cases, account holders will be notified.

Appendix 1. Fee schedule

1. The following fees shall apply to account holders of the registry for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement:
 - (a) An account opening fee for all accounts opened:
 - (i) USD 500 for the first account opened by an account holder;
 - (ii) USD 800 for each additional account opened by the same account holder;
 - (b) An annual account maintenance fee of USD 400 per account;
 - (c) Connection and initialization fees for all connecting Party registries shall be determined separately.
2. The following exemptions shall apply:
 - (a) Account holders that are also activity participants shall be exempt from the account opening fee for the first account associated with each authorizing Party that they open, as referenced in paragraph 1(a) above;
 - (b) Account holders shall be exempt from the annual account maintenance fee referenced in paragraph 1(b) above for any account opened within the preceding 12 months;
 - (c) Party account holders shall be exempt from all fees.

Appendix 2. Business rules for processes relating to authorization

No. for reference	Business rule proposed
1	The mechanism registry shall issue A6.4ERs according to their vintage year
2	The mechanism registry shall implement a ceiling-based rounding system to transfers, including levy allocations
3	Where a Party provides a partial authorization via providing either a numerical value of A6.4ERs to be authorized, or a percentage of A6.4ERs to be authorized, the mechanism registry shall issue AERs foremost
4	As a consequence of rule 3, where a Party provides a partial authorization via providing either a numerical value of A6.4ERs to be authorized, or a percentage of A6.4ERs to be authorized, the levies shall be formed of AERs until all applicable AERs are exhausted
5	All non-first transferred A6.4ERs authorized for NDC use only and held in the mechanism registry shall be updated to be MCUs upon the initiation of the review of the first biennial transparency report that contains information on the end year or end of the NDC period in respect of which the A6.4ER was issued. <i>(pursuant to paragraph 12 of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3)</i> All non-first transferred A6.4ERs authorized for use for other international mitigation purposes and held in the mechanism registry shall be updated to be MCUs upon the submission of the biennial transparency report that contains information on the end year or end of the NDC period for the NDC period in respect of which the A6.4ER was issued <i>(pursuant to paragraph 14 of decision 4/CMA.6)</i>.

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