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Guidance relating to the clean development mechanism

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol,

Recalling Articles 3 and 12 of the Kyoto Protocol,

Also recalling that participation in a clean development mechanism project activity is voluntary,¹

Further recalling decision 3/CMP.1 and subsequent guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol relating to the clean development mechanism,

Recalling paragraph 67(c) of the annex to decision 3/CMA.3 and subsequent guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement relating to the share of proceeds for adaption and administrative expenses,

Acknowledging the contribution to global efforts to address climate change of the clean development mechanism, which, as at xx November 2025, was responsible for xx² project activities being registered, xx³ programmes of activities being registered and more than xxx million certified emission reductions being issued, of which more than xx million had been voluntarily cancelled either in national registries or in the clean development mechanism registry, {Paragraph and associated footnotes to be updated later}

Cognizant of decisions 2/CMP.17, 1/CMP.18 and 1/CMP.19 and their annexes,

I. General

1. *Welcomes* the annual report of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol for 2025;⁴
2. *Takes note* of the work undertaken by the Executive Board, its panels and the secretariat in overseeing the implementation of the clean development mechanism and maintaining stakeholder engagement in its operations;
3. *Also takes note* of the status of funds available in the trust fund for the clean development mechanism and the assessment of the costs and available resources associated with the different end dates set out in paragraphs 5–9 below;
4. *Designates* as operational entities those entities that have been accredited and provisionally designated as such by the Executive Board to carry out sectoral scope-specific

¹ As per decision 3/CMP.1, para. 28.

² The total number of project activities registered as at xx November 2025 was xx, of which xx had been deregistered. Additionally, xx project activities were recorded as provisional with a crediting period starting on or after 1 January 2021.

³ The total number of programmes of activities registered as at xx November 2025 was xx; additionally, xx programmes of activities were recorded as provisional with a programme of activity period starting on or after 1 January 2021.

⁴ FCCC/KP/CMP/2025/2.

validation and/or verification functions as set out in the annex *{Paragraph and associated annex to be added later}*;

II. Functioning of the clean development mechanism beyond the end of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol

5. *Decides* that the following operations and processes related to issuance requests under the clean development mechanism shall be discontinued as of the following end dates:

(a) Submission of requests for issuance of certified emission reductions for project activities or programmes of activities: [30 June 2026] [31 December 2026] [31 December 2027];

(b) Submission of requests for transfer of certified emission reductions to the registry for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement pursuant to paragraph 18 of annex I to decision 7/CMA.4: [31 December 2026] [30 June 2027] [30 June 2028];

(c) Cancellation of certified emission reductions and any other transactions in the clean development mechanism registry: [31 December 2026] [30 June 2027] [30 June 2028];

(d) Submission of requests for approval of post-registration changes: [30 June 2026] [31 December 2026] [31 December 2027];

6. *Also decides* that the following methodological processes under the clean development mechanism shall be discontinued [with immediate effect] [on 31 December 2025] [on 31 December 2026]:

(a) Submission of proposals for new methodologies and requests for revisions to methodologies and methodological tools under the bottom-up process in accordance with the relevant procedures;

(b) Submission of requests for clarification of approved methodologies and methodological tools;

(c) Submissions from designated national authorities on automatic additionality of microscale technologies, and for recognition of a special underdeveloped zone;

(d) Submissions from designated national authorities on changes to the definition of forest;

7. *Further decides* that submission of requests for revisions to methodologies and methodological tools under the top-down process in accordance with the relevant procedures shall be ceased [with immediate effect] [as from the earlier of [31 December 2025] [31 December 2026] or the approval by the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement of a methodology or methodological tool covering the same scope];

8. *Decides* that submission of requests pertaining to the initial accreditation and reaccreditation of designated operational entities shall be ceased [with immediate effect] [on 31 December 2025] [on 31 December 2026];

9. *Requests* the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism to:

(a) Cease operations related to the accreditation of designated operational entities, including regular surveillance, spot checks and performance monitoring, as of [31 December 2026] [30 June 2027] [30 June 2028];

(b) Cease the operations of its panels and working groups [with the final meeting of the panels and working groups to take place in 2026] [as soon as their functions are no longer required in accordance with the end dates set out in paragraphs 6–9 above];

(c) Report, in its annual reports to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, on arrangements made in relation to

discontinuing the operations and processes by the end dates as set out in paragraphs 5–9 above;

(d) Reduce the number of its meetings to one or two per year, conduct those meetings virtually, hold its final meeting prior to the cessation of the operations of the clean development mechanism and adjust its budget allocated to conducting the meetings accordingly;

10. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to request to the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, to allow designated operational entities accredited under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement to perform validation and verification functions under the clean development mechanism, if necessary;

11. *Also requests* the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism to notify project participants, designated operational entities, designated national authorities, owners of certified emission reductions and other stakeholders of the end dates set out in paragraphs 5–8 above for the operations, processes and institutions under the clean development mechanism as soon as possible and to maintain stakeholder interactions related to those operations, processes and institutions for as long as they are continued;

12. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to delegate to the Supervisory Body for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement the responsibility for maintaining all stakeholder interactions related to the clean development mechanism and *requests* the Supervisory Body to continue such interactions for two years following the discontinuation of all the operations, processes and institutions under the clean development mechanism as set out in paragraphs 5–9 above;

13. *Also requests* the administrator of the clean development mechanism registry to:

(a) Administratively cancel on [1 July 2027] [1 January 2028] [1 January 2029] any certified emission reductions for which no share of proceeds to cover administrative expenses has been paid and that are remaining in pending accounts in the clean development mechanism registry;

(b) Disconnect the clean development mechanism registry from the international transaction log on 31 March 2026 while maintaining the functions of issuance and cancellation in the clean development mechanism registry;

(c) Stop operating the clean development mechanism registry once the operations and processes referred to in paragraph 12(a) above have been discontinued;

(d) Make arrangements for safeguarding the data from the clean development mechanism registry for at least 15 years after the end of its operation;

14. *Further requests* the secretariat to make arrangements for safeguarding regulatory documents and information pertaining to project activities and programmes of activities for at least 15 years after the final meeting of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism;

III. Management of financial resources

15. *Recalls* its request⁵ to the Executive Board of clean development mechanism and the secretariat to ensure the efficient and prudent use of resources from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism;

16. *Requests* the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism to review and reduce its expenditure [consistently with the provisions and end dates set out in paragraphs 5–9 above] [and not to spend more than USD [8.3 million for January 2026 to July 2027]

⁵ Decision 2/CMP.17, para. 13.

[11.4 million for January 2026 to December 2027] [16.6 million for January 2026 to December 2028]];

17. *Decides*, noting the decline in the workload of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism, that any special provisions applicable to the members of the Executive Board related to the payment of financial resources in support of their work, including daily subsistence allowance and travel entitlements for attendance at meetings of the Executive Board,⁶ shall cease as of 31 December 2025, thereby ensuring that the Executive Board is treated in the same manner as all other constituted bodies the Kyoto Protocol;

18. *Requests* the secretariat, following the final meeting of the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism, to report to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on the arrangements made for the closure of the operations, functions and institutions under the clean development mechanism, including for the resources remaining in the trust fund for the clean development mechanism, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its relevant session;

19. *Decides* to authorize a transfer of USD [xx] million from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism to the Adaptation Fund;

20. *Also decides* to authorize a transfer of USD [xx] million from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism to the trust fund for supplementary activities for capacity-building-related activities under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement to support developing countries in applying the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement;

21. *Further decides* to authorize a transfer of USD [xx] million from the trust fund for the clean development mechanism to the trust fund for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement, to be considered a loan with an [intention] [obligation] to be repaid [through the surplus available for repay] to the Adaptation Fund by [20xx] [after the mechanism has become self-financing] [upon the mechanism becoming self-financing, whichever occurs first];

22. *Strongly urges* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to allocate the amount equivalent to that transferred to the trust fund for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement referred to in paragraph 22 above to the Adaptation Fund after the mechanism has become self-financing.

⁶ Decision 7/CMP.1, paras. 13 and 17.

Annex

Entities accredited and provisionally designated by the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism

[English only]