ARTICLE 6.4 MECHANISM

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Draft addendum to the annual report of the Supervisory Body to the CMA

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COVER NOTE

1. Procedural background

1. In accordance with the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (A6.4 Mechanism),[1] the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body (hereinafter referred to as the Supervisory Body) reports on its activities to each session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).

2. The Supervisory Body, at its seventh meeting (SB 007), agreed on its annual report to the CMA at its fifth session, which covers the period from 7 November 2022 to 14 September 2023, and requested the secretariat to finalize the report in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Body to include the outcomes of its seventh meeting. Once the report is complete, it will be published on the UNFCCC website.[2] The Supervisory Body further requested the secretariat to prepare an addendum of this report for consideration at the next meeting to cover the work undertaken by the Supervisory Body from 15 September until the end of its eighth meeting.

2. Purpose

3. The addendum to the annual report describes the work undertaken by the Supervisory Body from 15 September 2023 until the end of its eighth meeting (2 November 2023). In particular, this addendum is to report on progress made on the mandates from CMA 3 regarding the Supervisory Body's work on removals[3] and methodologies.

3. Key issues and proposed solutions

4. The report describes the status of the A6.4 Mechanism and work undertaken during the reporting period.

5. The report offers an opportunity for the Supervisory Body to make recommendations to and seek guidance from the CMA.

4. Impacts

6. The draft report describes the status of the A6.4 Mechanism, particularly the progress made in regard to the mandates from CMA 4 and is the main communication channel between the Supervisory Body and the CMA.

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[1] See Decision 3/CMA.3 annex, contained in document FCCC/PA/CMA/2021/10/Add.1 available at: https://unfccc.int/documents/460950. The annex to the decision begins on page 29 (English language version).

[2] The annual report was published on # October 2023 and is available at <link>.

[3] As per decision 3/CMA.3, para. 6(c).

5. Subsequent work and timelines

7. The addendum to the annual report is depended on the outcome of SB 008. The substantive paragraphs below are placeholders, awaiting decision by the Supervisory Body at its eighth meeting. Yellow highlights indicate text that is to be updated based on SB 008. Following SB 008, it is envisaged that the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, will finalize the addendum for the attention of the CMA at its fifth session. The addendum is not published as an annex to the report, rather it will be formatted and edited as an official CMA document

6. Recommendations to the Supervisory Body

8. The secretariat recommends that the Supervisory Body, at SB 008:

   (a) Consider and agree on the addendum to the annual report, making any adjustments as necessary;

   (b) Request the secretariat to finalize the report in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, reflecting the outcomes of SB 008.

1. Introduction

1.1. Mandate

1. In accordance with the rules, modalities and procedures (RMP) for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (A6.4 mechanism),[1] the Supervisory Body is required to report annually to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA). The CMA provides guidance to the Supervisory Body by taking decisions on, inter alia:

   (a) Recommendations made by the Supervisory Body relating to the RMP;

   (b) Matters relating to the operation of the A6.4 mechanism.

1.2. Scope of this addendum

2. The second annual report by the Supervisory Body[2] provides information to the CMA, at its fifth session, on progress made towards the implementation of the Article 6.4 mechanism during its second year of operation and contains recommendations for adoption by the CMA. It covers the period between 7 November 2022 to 14 September 2023.

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3. This addendum covers the period from 15 September 2023 to 2 November 2023 (inclusive). Only the sections containing new information have been updated. Sections which are not different to the document FCCC/PA/2023/X, contain only the words “no change to the main report”.

1.3. Action to be taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement

4. The CMA, in taking note of this report, may wish to take the following actions, in addition to those identified in document FCCC/PA/2023/X:

   (a) Recommendation on removals, as contained in appendix # to this report (see para. 7 below and decision 3/CMA.3 para. 6 (c)). The Supervisory Body agreed to consider different options to address reversals, and the responsibility of participants and parties to address a continuing or residual risk. As requested by Supervisory Body, an editorial and comprehensive consistency check was undertaken;

   (b) Recommendation on methodologies, as contained in appendix # to this report (see para. 8 below and 3/CMA.3 para. 6 (d)). As requested by Supervisory Body, an editorial and comprehensive consistency check was undertaken;

   (c) Note the progress made on other relevant matters at its eighth meeting.

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[2] The annual report (FCCC/PA/2023/X) was published on x October 2023 and is available at <link>.

2. Work in the reporting period

5. This addendum covers a short reporting period of fewer than two months and serves to report on progress regarding the high priority mandates from CMA 4. Namely, the work on removals and methodologies as per decision 3/CMA.3 para. 6 (c) and 3/CMA.3 para. 6 (d), respectively.

2.1. Mandates from the CMA

6. Given the limited time available in 2023 to deliver on the mandates received from the CMA, the Supervisory Body focused on the deliverables for CMA 5.

7. Following the request of the CMA, through its decision 7/CMA.4, paragraphs 19 and 20, the Supervisory Body … *(Placeholder for SB 008 on removals)*

8. Following the request of the CMA, through its decision 7/CMA.4 paragraphs 21 and 22, the Supervisory Body … *(Placeholder for SB 008 on meth requirements).*

3. Governance and management

No change to the main report.

4. Abbreviations and acronyms

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Appendix 1. Recommendation on

Appendix 2. Recommendation on

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