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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), pursuant to decision 3/CMA.3, paragraph 7, considered matters relating to the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article¹ 6, paragraph 4, as contained in the annex to decision 3/CMA.3.
2. The SBSTA took note of the informal note² prepared by the co-facilitators for this agenda item to capture views of Parties on possible recommendations to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022), relating to the rules, modalities and procedures for the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism.
3. The SBSTA invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit, via the submission portal³ by 31 August 2022, their views on any of the elements referred to in decision 3/CMA.3, paragraph 7, for consideration by the SBSTA.⁴
4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to prepare, with a view to facilitating the understanding of the relevant issues but without prejudging possible outcomes, and considering the views expressed by Parties at this session and taking into account paragraph 29 of the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, where applicable, technical papers without formal status on:
 - (a) Processes for implementation of the transition of activities from the clean development mechanism to the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism, in accordance with chapter XI.A of the annex to decision 3/CMA.3 (“Transition of clean development mechanism activities”);

¹ “Article” refers to an Article of the Paris Agreement, unless otherwise specified.

² Available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/510488>.

³ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁴ Submissions by Parties and admitted observer organizations will be posted separately on the UNFCCC website.

(b) Processes for implementation of chapter XI.B of the annex to decision 3/CMA.3 (“Use of certified emission reductions towards first or first updated nationally determined contributions”);

(c) Reporting by host Parties on their Article 6, paragraph 4, activities, and the Article 6, paragraph 4, emission reductions issued for the activities, while avoiding unnecessary duplication of reporting information that is already publicly available;

(d) The operation of the mechanism registry referred to in chapter VI of the annex to decision 3/CMA.3 (“Mechanism registry”), including in relation to the infrastructure for cooperative approaches (para. 63 of the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4) and possible connection to other relevant systems under the UNFCCC;

(e) The processes necessary for implementation of the share of proceeds to cover administrative expenses and the share of proceeds to assist developing country Parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to meet the costs of adaptation in accordance with chapter VII of the annex to decision 3/CMA.3 (“Levy of share of proceeds for adaptation and administrative expenses”);

(f) The processes necessary for the delivery of overall mitigation in global emissions in accordance with chapter VIII of the annex to decision 3/CMA.3 (“Delivering overall mitigation in global emissions”).

5. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat, before SBSTA 57 (November 2022), to organize a series of virtual technical workshops followed by an in-person technical workshop with possibility of virtual participation,⁵ to consider the elements referred to in paragraph 4 above, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 3 above and the technical papers referred to in paragraph 4 above, ensuring broad participation of Parties.

6. To facilitate deliberations on further guidance on the rules, modalities and procedures for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, at SBSTA 57, the SBSTA requested its Chair to prepare an informal document on the basis of the outcomes of the work referred to in paragraphs 3–5 above, including textual proposals, for consideration by the SBSTA in recommending a draft decision on further guidance on the rules, modalities and procedures for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session.

7. The SBSTA acknowledged the importance and urgency of capacity-building for operationalizing the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism and requested the secretariat to update regularly the status of the work on the capacity-building programme referred to in paragraph 14 of decision 3/CMA.3, including presenting the implementation plan at the in-person technical workshop referred to in paragraph 5 above, for feedback from Parties.

8. The SBSTA invited Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities for operationalizing the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism and supporting the intersessional work referred to in paragraphs 4–5 above.

9. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 4–5 above.

10. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

11. The SBSTA agreed to continue work on this matter at SBSTA 57.

⁵ Hybrid workshop.