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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) considered the guidance on cooperative approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 2,¹ and in decision 2/CMA.3.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the relevant submissions² from Parties.³
3. The SBSTA also welcomed the outcomes, reflected in the informal reports by its Chair,⁴ of the technical workshops held intersessionally.⁵
4. The SBSTA took note of the informal note⁶ prepared by the co-facilitators for this agenda item to capture views of Parties on possible recommendations relating to the guidance on cooperative approaches for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fourth session (November 2022).
5. The SBSTA invited Parties and observer organizations to submit, via the submission portal⁷ by 31 August 2022, views on any of the elements referred to in paragraphs 3, 6, 7 and 10 of decision 2/CMA.3 for consideration by the SBSTA.⁸
6. The SBSTA also requested the secretariat to prepare, with a view to facilitating the understanding of the relevant issues but without prejudging possible outcomes, and considering the relevant work undertaken in the first intersessional period of 2022 and views expressed by Parties at this session, a technical paper without formal status, which includes

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

² Available at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx> (in the search field, type “Article 6”).

³ See decision 2/CMA.3, paras. 4 and 8.

⁴ Available at <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement/cooperative-implementation/technical-workshops-related-to-the-article-62-of-the-paris-agreement>.

⁵ See decision 2/CMA.3, paras. 5 and 9.

⁶ <https://unfccc.int/documents/510489>.

⁷ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁸ Submissions by Parties and admitted observer organizations will be posted separately on the UNFCCC website.

analysis of the linkages between the following elements and, inter alia, the use of flowcharts and other visual representations, on:

(a) Recommendations for guidelines for the reviews referred to in paragraph 7 of decision 2/CMA.3 and pursuant to chapter V (Review) of the annex to the same decision, including in relation to the Article 6 technical expert review team, in a manner that minimizes the burden on Parties and the secretariat;

(b) Options for the tables and outlines that are simple and user-friendly while providing for Parties to report information required pursuant to chapter IV (Reporting) of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3 and in accordance with chapter III (Corresponding adjustments) of the annex to the same decision;

(c) Recommendations relating to infrastructure, including guidance for registries, the international registry, the Article 6 database and the centralized accounting and reporting platform referred to in chapter VI (Recording and tracking) of the annex to decision 2/CMA.3;

(d) The connection between the registry for the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and the international registry.⁹

7. The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to conduct a survey of Parties on their choice between implementing a registry, having access to a registry and using the international registry with a view to including the results of the survey in the technical paper referred to in paragraph 6 above.

8. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to organize a series of virtual technical workshops followed by an in-person technical workshop with possibility of virtual participation,¹⁰ to be held before SBSTA 57 (November 2022), to consider the elements referred to in paragraph 6 above, taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 5 above and the technical paper referred to in paragraph 6 above, ensuring broad participation of Parties.

9. To facilitate deliberations on further guidance on cooperative approaches at SBSTA 57, the SBSTA requested its Chair to prepare an informal document on the basis of the work referred to in paragraphs 2–6 and 8 above, including textual proposals, for consideration by the SBSTA in recommending a draft decision on further guidance on cooperative approaches 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.

10. The SBSTA acknowledged the importance and urgency of capacity-building for operationalizing the guidance on cooperative approaches and requested the secretariat to update regularly the status of the work on the capacity-building programme referred to in paragraph 12 of decision 2/CMA.3, including presenting the implementation plan at the in-person technical workshop referred to in paragraph 8 above, for feedback from Parties.

11. The SBSTA invited Parties to make contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities for operationalizing the guidance on cooperative approaches and supporting the intersessional work referred to in paragraphs 6–8 above.

12. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 6–8 above.

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

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

⁹ See decision 3/CMA.3, annex, paras. 63.

¹⁰ Hybrid workshop.