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Information to ICAO on the Clean Development Mechanism process and procedures

Dear Ms. Hupe,

On behalf of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Executive Board, I wish to express that the Board took note of the progress made with respect to the work for implementation of the CORSIA.

The Board would like to inform you that all required information pertaining to the CDM is publicly available at <https://cdm.unfccc.int/>. You may also refer to recent communications of the Board, dated 14 June 2019, 4 December 2019 and 17 March 2021.

As with the original request on assessing programme eligibility (as responded to in May 2018), the CDM Executive Board decided, after careful consideration, that it could not complete the relevant forms. Nevertheless, the CDM Executive Board wishes to provide further information on the programme that changed since our last communication dated 17 March 2021.

Updates made to programme procedures

1. Functioning of the CDM beyond the end of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol on its sixteenth session, held in Glasgow from 31 October to 13 November 2021 made following decisions related to CDM procedures:

(a) Requests for registration, renewal of crediting period and issuance of certified emission reductions for project activities, as well as the equivalent submissions for programmes of activities, relating to emission reductions occurring after 31 December 2020 may not be submitted under the CDM, acknowledging that such requests and submissions may be made under the mechanism established by Article 6, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism), approval of which is subject to compliance with its rules, modalities and procedures and any other requirements determined by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement or the body that supervises the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism as designated by decision 3/CMA.3 (hereinafter referred to as the Supervisory Body);

(b) Any registered CDM project activities and programmes of activities that have transitioned to the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism in accordance with decision 3/CMA.3 shall be deregistered from the CDM effective from the date of transition;

(c) The CDM Executive Board to retain the provisional status accorded to the requests for registration, renewal of crediting period and issuance of certified emission reductions for project activities as well as to the equivalent submissions for programmes of activities under the temporary measures adopted by the Executive Board at its 108th meeting, acknowledging decision 3/CMA.3, according to which the requests and other submissions that have been accorded provisional status under the temporary measures that meet the conditions for transition therein may transition to the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism;

(d) The CDM Executive Board to reject the requests and other submissions that have been accorded provisional status under the temporary measures but have not subsequently transitioned to the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism;

(e) The CDM Executive Board may continue receiving and processing the relevant requests and submissions under the temporary measures until the date when the process for submission of requests to the secretariat to transition the requests and other submissions that have been accorded provisional status to the Article 6, paragraph 4, mechanism becomes operational, as may be specified by the Supervisory Body;

2. Requirements related to site visits for onsite inspections

The Board reviewed its past decisions allowing alternative means to mandatory on-site inspections by designated operational entities (DOEs) for validation or verification due to the COVID-19 pandemic and decided not to grant further extensions of such past decisions, and instead to consider requests for exemptions of mandatory on-site inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic on a case-specific basis.

The decision of the Board not to extend the deviation further, taken at its 114th meeting, has been reflected in the meeting report of the Executive Board, which is publicly available, and all DOEs have been informed of the decision.

The CDM Executive Board looks forward to continued collaboration with the ICAO.



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