Background (*or a gentle reminder*)

- We are nearing the end of the **third year** of discussions about the AEF
  - This is the **fifth** multiday technical workshop with a large focus on the AEF
  - Two technical workshops in 2022, two in 2023, and this week's workshop
- **Parties are already implementing Article 6.2 cooperative approaches**, including submitting Initial Reports and AEF tables
- **Failure to adopt the AEF threatens the transparency of Article 6.2 implementation** and undermines the **ability to conduct consistency checks**
- **We have a road map**
  - The Glasgow Article 6.2 guidance specifies the information that needs to be collected through the AEF
- Adopting tables merely requires including the proper columns, rows, and table notes (to explain columns/help compilers fill info), in a well-organized manner
  - The **information to be collected has already been decided**
  - Designing the AEF is merely organizing this information in a useable format that is easily understood by compilers and readers

- ***Authorizations are a type of action***, but they are unique
- Authorization of the use of a mitigation outcome is the necessary precursor to an ITMO
  - Reminder: an ITMO ***does not exist until:***
    - ✓ There is an ***authorization of the use of a mitigation outcome*** and
    - ✓ That mitigation outcome is ***first transferred***
  - Mitigation outcomes covered by an authorization sitting in a registry are not ITMOs unless they have been first transferred
- ***Authorization facilitates other action types*** (first transfer, acquisition, use)
  - These other action types can't happen without a Party taking the action of authorization (without the action type – authorization)
  - Because authorization is the foundation for other action types, there is unique information we want to collect about an authorization
  - It is ***not necessary to repeat all of this information*** about an authorization when reporting other action types
    - ✓ ***Because other reported action types will always include a reference to the authorization that applies to it***

Dedicated Table for Authorizations

- To streamline information, provide clarity, and avoid confusion, *we support a separate Table 2 for authorizations*.
- Benefits of this approach include:
    - Reducing the number of columns in Table 3 – Actions
        - ✓ Keep it manageable and avoid a "mega table"
    - Compiling reported information on authorizations in one place
    - Avoiding reporting redundant information across action types
        - ✓ All of the information related to an authorization does not also need to be reported for an action type such as "first transfer"
        - ✓ No need to "re-report" this information
        - ✓ AEF Table 3 - Actions can simply include a column that references the authorization that applies for the ITMO action (e.g., through an authorization ID)
        - ✓ The referenced authorization ID (e.g., hyperlinked) in AEF Table 3 points you to the Article 6 Database location in the CARP where the full authorization document (e.g., PDF) and reported AEF information related to that authorization can be accessed

Authorizations: What are we reporting?

- ***In Table 2 Parties are reporting on their authorizations***
  - Parties are **reporting an "action"** – they are authorizing mitigation outcomes for use or revising a previous authorization
- In AEF Table 2, Parties will report the following:
  - Any **new authorizations they made** during the ***AEF reporting year***
  - Any ***modifications they made to a previously reported authorization*** that occurred ***during the AEF reporting year***
- Table 2 of the AEF is not a repository for all of the authorizations by a Party, ***only those authorization actions that occurred during the AEF reporting year***
- ***All reported authorizations by a Party will be compiled in the CARP*** – all reported authorizations will be housed and accessible through the CARP (and should also be made publicly available in Party registries)
  - Organized to allow for easy query (e.g., by country or authorization ID) and cross referencing