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Response to “Call for input 2025 - Issues included in the annotated agenda and related annexes of the fifteenth meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body”, with respect to A6.4-SBM015-AA-A01 Draft workplan of the Supervisory Body 2025.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the workplan for the Supervisory Body.

With respect to work related to requirements for activities involving removals, I propose that the workplan explicitly include immediate review of **A6.4-SBM014-A06 Requirements for activities involving removals under the Article 6.4 mechanism.**

The Article 6.4 removals standard needs to be consistent with, and complement, other UNFCCC mechanisms and processes. Currently there are inconsistencies that will be problematic, including in the definition of removals.

To effectively support climate action, the standard needs to balance rigour with practicality. Some requirements, including frequency of reporting and post-crediting monitoring, appear unnecessarily onerous particularly for land sector projects, which will discourage participation and therefore limit the mitigation achieved.

These issues were raised in previous feedback on the draft standard, but not adequately addressed.

Consistent with the guidance from CMA provided at COP29, the Supervisory Body should seek input from scientific and technical experts to review the standard, assess the likely level of participation from land-based and technological removals, and consider feedback submitted in previous consultations on inclusion of removals in Article 6.4. The removals standard should be revised to ensure broad sectoral participation and maximise uptake.

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