Outline of annex 4 (Information in relation to the Party’s participation in cooperative approaches, as applicable) to the biennial transparency report referred to in decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter IV.C (Regular information), paragraphs 21–22)[[1]](#footnote-2), [[2]](#footnote-3), [[3]](#footnote-4)

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1. Participation responsibilities (para. 21(a))

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| A. Information on how the Party ensures that it is a Party to the Paris Agreement (para. 21(a), para. 4(a), update to para. 18(a)) |
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| B. Information on how the Party ensures that it has prepared, communicated and is maintaining an NDC in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2 (para. 21(a), para. 4(b), update to para. 18(a)) |
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| C. Information on how the Party ensures it has arrangements in place for authorizing the use of ITMOs towards achievement of NDCs pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 3 (para. 21(a), para. 4(c), update to para. 18(a)) |
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| D. Information on how the Party ensures it has arrangements in place that are consistent with the Article 6, paragraph 2, guidance and relevant decisions of the CMA for tracking ITMOs (para. 21(a), para. 4(d), update to para. 18(a)) |
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| E. Information on whether the most recent national inventory report required in accordance with decision 18/CMA.1 has been provided (para. 21(a), para. 4(e), update to para. 18(a)) |
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| F. Information on how the Party ensures participation contributes to the implementation of its NDC and long-term low-emission development strategy, if it has submitted one, and the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement (para. 21(a), para. 4(f), update to para. 18(a)) |
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1. Updates to the information provided by the Party in its initial report as per decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter IV.A (Initial report), and any previous biennial transparency reports for any information that is not included in the biennial transparency report pursuant to decision 18/CMA.1, annex, paragraph 64 (para. 21(b), update to para. 18(b))

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1. Information on authorizations and information on its authorization(s) of use of ITMOs towards achievement of NDCs and authorization for use for other international mitigation purposes, including any changes to earlier authorizations, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 3 (para. 21(c))

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1. Information on how corresponding adjustments undertaken in the latest reporting period, pursuant to decision 2/CMA.3, annex, chapter III (Corresponding adjustments) ensure that double counting is avoided in accordance with paragraph 36 of decision 1/CP.21 and are representative of progress towards implementation and achievement of the Party’s NDC, and how those corresponding adjustments ensure that participation in cooperative approaches does not lead to a net increase in emissions across participating Parties within and between NDC implementation periods (para. 21(d))

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1. Information on how the Party has ensured that ITMOs that have been used towards achievement of its NDC or mitigation outcome(s) authorized for use and that have been used for other international mitigation purposes will not be further transferred, further cancelled or otherwise used (para. 21(e))

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1. Information on each cooperative approach (para. 22(a–k))

Note: Chapters A–K below should be repeated for each cooperative approach.

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| A. Description of how the cooperative approach contributes to the mitigation of GHGs and the implementation of the NDC (para. 22(a)) | |
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| B. Description of how the cooperative approach ensures environmental integrity (para. 22(b), update to para. 18(h)) | |
|  | 1. Description of how the cooperative approach ensures that there is no net increase in global emissions within and between NDC implementation periods (para. 22(b)(i), update to para. 18(h)(i)) |
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|  | 2. Description of how the cooperative approach ensures environmental integrity through robust, transparent governance and the quality of mitigation outcomes, including through conservative reference levels and baselines set in a conservative way and below ‘business as usual’ emission projections (including by taking into account all existing policies and addressing uncertainties in quantification and potential leakage) (para. 22(b)(ii), update to para. 18(h)(ii)) |
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|  | 3. Description of how the cooperative approach is minimizing the risk of non-permanence of mitigation across several NDC periods and how, when reversals of emission reductions or removals occur, the cooperative approach will ensure that these are addressed in full (para. 22(b)(iii), update to para. 18(h)(iii)) |
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| C. Where a mitigation outcome is measured and transferred in t CO2 eq, description of how the cooperative approach provides for the measurement of mitigation outcomes in accordance with the methodologies and metrics assessed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and adopted by the CMA (para. 22(c)) | |
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D. Where a mitigation outcome is measured and first transferred in a non-GHG metric determined by the participating Parties, description of how the cooperative approach ensures that the method for converting the non-GHG metric into t CO2 eq is appropriate for the specific non-GHG metric and the mitigation scenario in which it is applied, including: (para. 22(d))

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|  | 1. Description of how the conversion method represents the emission reductions or removals that occur within the geographical boundaries and time frame in which the non-GHG mitigation outcome was generated (para. 22(d)(i)) |
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|  | 2. Description of how the conversion method is appropriate for the specific non-CO2 eq metric, including a demonstration of how the selection of the conversion method and conversion factor(s) applied take into consideration the specific scenario in which the  mitigation action occurs (para. 22(d)(ii)) |
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|  | 3. Description of how the conversion method is transparent, including a description of the method, the source of the underlying data, how the data are used, and how the method is applied in a conservative manner that addresses uncertainty and ensures environmental integrity (para. 22(d)(iii)) |
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| E. Description of how the cooperative approach provides for, as applicable, the measurement of mitigation co-benefits resulting from adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans (para. 22(e)) |
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| F. Description of how the cooperative approach minimizes and, where possible, avoids negative environmental, economic and social impacts (para. 22(f), update to para. 18(i)(i) |
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| G. Description of how the cooperative approach reflects the eleventh preambular paragraph of the Paris Agreement, according to which acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity (para. 22(g), update to para. 18(i)(ii)) |
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| H. Description of how the cooperative approach is consistent with sustainable development objectives of the Party, noting national prerogatives (para. 22(h), update to para. 18(i)(iii)) |
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| I. Description of how the cooperative approach applies any safeguards and limits set out in further guidance from the CMA pursuant to chapter III.D (para. 22(i), update to para. 18(i)(iv)) |
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| J. Description of how the cooperative approach contributes resources for adaptation pursuant to chapter VII (Ambition in mitigation and adaptation actions), if applicable (para. 22(j), update to para. 18(i)(v)) |
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| K. Description of how the cooperative approach delivers overall mitigation in global emissions pursuant to chapter VII (Ambition in mitigation and adaptation actions), if applicable (para. 22(k), update to para. 18(i)(vi)) |
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Annex I

Additional information

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Annex II

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