

# Japan's submission on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

## Reporting and Review Cycle under Article 6.2

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### 1. Overview

- Japan thinks that the reporting and review cycle under Article 6.2 are important elements. At COP26, it is necessary to decide the work programme for the development of the reporting format and review cycle in detail.

### 2. Reporting

#### 2.1 Initial report

- It is important that each participating Party will provide information that can be submitted based on the annex of the presidential draft texts (Ver.3) on Article 6.2 presented at COP25. However, since it may take time to submit complete information in the initial report, it is appropriate to allow each Party to provide information additionally, as appropriate.
- The information provided by each participating Party should also be based on the existing information from bilateral cooperation, which is also useful from the perspective of utilizing the experience of each participating Party (Annex I).
- It is expected that the information submitted for the initial report by each Party will be published on the UNFCCC website for Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

#### 2.2 Annual information

- It is important that each participating Party will provide information based on annex of the presidential draft texts (Ver.3) on Article 6.2 presented at COP25.
- Further discussion is necessary on whether the information submitted by each Party should provide summarized information or detailed information covered by the annual information.
- It is also necessary to design the registry managed by each participating Party so that each Party can report in the same format for the annual information.

#### **Work programme**

- The specific process such as the period and format for submitted data, the timing of submission, completeness-check administered by the UNFCCC secretariat and schedule should be further clarified in the work programme,
- The information provided by each participating Party should be presented in the summary table (Annex II).

#### 2.3 Regular information

- It is important that each Party will provide information based on annex of the presidential draft texts (Ver.3) on Article 6.2 presented at COP25.
- Regarding the review process for regular information under Article 6, the timing, frequency, and composition of experts should be discussed. In the discussion, it would be useful to refer the discussion based on the experience of the inventory review, BR processes, and the review process under Article 13 of the Paris Agreement.

### **Work programme**

- The development of modalities, procedures and guidelines for the review of Article 6 reporting should be prioritized in 2022's work program.

### **2.4 Ensuring consistency with Article 13 MPGs**

- Article 6 guidance needs to be modified in line with the language of Article 13 MPGs, which has already been decided. However, this modification should be minimized.
- The modification will avoid the duplication with streamlining the reporting rules under Article 6 and 13. This will also enable to ensure transparency in confirming the progress and achievement of NDCs in each Party.

#### **【Proposed editorial change】**

- Description on GHG information in the regular information

##### COP25 presidency text (version3)

Paragraph 23 (a) “Annual and cumulative emissions and removals from the sector and greenhouse gases covered by its NDC” should be modified in line with Art 13 MPG paragraph 77 (b).

##### Proposed modification

*23 (a) “Annual and cumulative information on GHG emission and removals consistent with the coverage of its NDC under Article 4”*

- Description of ITMOs

##### COP25 presidency text (version3)

Paragraph 23 (d) “Annual and cumulative quantity of ITMOs used towards its NDC” should be modified in line with Art 13 MPG paragraph 77 (d) (ii).

##### Proposed modification

*23 (d) “Annual and cumulative quantity of ITMOs used/acquired towards its NDC”*

(Annex I)

Proposed format for the initial report

- This proposed format is an image for the initial report by each Party participating in Article 6 based on annex of the presidential draft texts (Ver.3) on Article 6.2 presented at COP25. This format contains the information required for the initial report.
- Since each participating Party should prepare the method for corresponding adjustment as well as some related information that is necessary to coordinate domestically, each participating Party may submit additional information in the initial report voluntarily. When there is update prior to the regular information, each participating Party may update and submit the updated initial report as appropriate.

Example

(a) Demonstrate that the participating Party fulfils the participation responsibilities referred to in chapter II (Participation) above;	
	II. Participation 4. Each participating Party shall ensure that:
	(a) It is a Party to the Paris Agreement;
	(b) It has prepared, communicated and is maintaining an NDC in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement and decision 4/CMA.1;
	(c) It has arrangements in place for authorizing the use of ITMOs towards NDCs pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 3 of the Paris Agreement;
	(d) It has arrangements in place, consistent with this guidance and relevant decisions of the CMA, for tracking ITMOs;
	(e) It has provided the most recent national inventory report required in accordance with decision 18/CMA.1.
(b) Provide, where the participating Party has not yet submitted a biennial transparency report, the information referred to in paragraph 64 of the annex to decision 18/CMA.1;	

	64. Each Party shall provide a description of its NDC under Article 4, against which progress will be tracked. The information provided shall include the following, as applicable, including any updates to information previously provided:
	(a) Target(s) and description, including target type(s) (e.g. economy-wide absolute emission reduction, emission intensity reduction, emission reduction below a projected baseline, mitigation co-benefits of adaptation actions or economic diversification plans, policies and measures, and other);
	(b) Target year(s) or period(s), and whether they are single-year or multi-year target(s);
	(c) Reference point(s), level(s), baseline(s), base year(s) or starting point(s), and their respective value(s);
	(d) Time frame(s) and/or periods for implementation;
	(e) Scope and coverage, including, as relevant, sectors, categories, activities, sources and sinks, pools and gases;
	(f) Intention to use cooperative approaches that involve the use of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes under Article 6 towards NDCs under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement;
	(g) Any updates or clarifications of previously reported information (e.g. recalculation of previously reported inventory data, or greater detail on methodologies or use of cooperative approaches).
	(c) Communicate the ITMO metrics and the method for corresponding adjustments for multi- year/single year NDCs that will be applied consistently throughout the period of NDC implementation;
	(d) Quantify the Party's mitigation information in its NDC in tCO <sub>2</sub> eq, including the sectors, sources, GHGs and time periods covered by the NDC, the reference level of emissions and removals for the relevant year or period, and the target level for its NDC; or where this is not possible, provide the methodology for the quantification of the NDC in tCO <sub>2</sub> eq;

(e) Quantify the participating Party's NDC, or that portion of its NDC, in a non-GHG metric determined by each participating Party;
(f) Provide, for each cooperative approach, a description of the approach, the expected mitigation and the participating Parties involved;

(Annex II)

Proposed format for the annual information

- This proposed format is an image for the annual information submitted by each participating Party based on annex of the presidential draft texts (Ver.3) on Article 6.2 presented at COP25. The format should contains the information required for the annual information.
- In principle, each participating Party should prepare a summary table as in the format which shows sum of the annual information for each cooperative approach during the year prior to the reporting year.
- Detailed format will need to be developed which contains the annual information of the programme by each activity and sector (this proposal format does not cover such information).

<b>Year</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>ITMO authorization</b>	<b>First transfer</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Acquisition</b>	<b>Cancellation</b>	<b>Use towards the NDC</b>	<b>Authorization for other international mitigation purposes</b>	<b>Voluntary cancellation</b>
	6.4 mechanism								
	Mechanism Y								
	Mechanism Z								
<b>In total</b>									