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## 1. Introduction

1. At its sixth session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) decided that Parties, project participants, as well as international industry organizations or admitted observer organizations through the host country's designated national authority (DNA), may submit proposals for standardized baselines applicable to new or existing methodologies, for consideration by the Executive Board of the clean development mechanism (CDM) (hereinafter referred to as the Board).
2. At its sixty-third meeting, the Board adopted the "Procedure for the submission and consideration of standardized baselines" with a view to introducing the process to develop proposed new standardized baselines.
3. Since then, the Board has adopted several revisions to improve a process to develop, revise, update and apply standardized baselines for CDM project activities and programmes of activities.

## 2. Scope, applicability and entry into force

### 2.1. Scope

4. The "Procedure: Development, revision, clarification and update of standardized baselines" (hereinafter referred to as this procedure) defines the process to develop new standardized baselines as well as to revise, clarify and update approved standardized baselines.

### 2.2. Applicability

5. This procedure applies to standardized baselines that may be applied for a CDM project activity or programme of activities (PoA).
6. This procedure does not contain the process to develop or revise a baseline and monitoring methodology or methodological tool for the purpose of developing a proposed standardized baseline or using the methodology together with a proposed standardized baseline to estimate emission reductions.

### 2.3. Entry into force

7. Version 07.0 of this procedure enters into force on 31 May 2023.

## 3. Normative references

8. The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this procedure:
  - (a) "CDM project cycle procedure for project activities" or "CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities";
  - (b) "Guideline: Quality assurance and quality control of data used in the establishment of standardized baselines";
  - (c) "Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines";

- (d) "Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools".

## 4. Definitions

- 9. In addition to the definitions in the "Glossary of CDM terms", the following terms apply in this procedure:
  - (a) "Shall" is used to indicate requirements to be followed;
  - (b) "Should" is used to indicate that among several possibilities, one course of action is recommended as particularly suitable;
  - (c) "May" is used to indicate what is permitted;
  - (d) "Proponent" is a Party, project participant, international industry organization or admitted observer organization.<sup>1</sup>

## 5. Development of a standardized baseline

### 5.1. Approaches to develop a standardized baseline

- 10. A standardized baseline shall be developed using one of the following approaches:
  - (a) The approach of the "Standard: Establishment of sector specific standardized baselines";
  - (b) A methodological approach contained in an approved, proposed new or revised baseline and monitoring methodology;
  - (c) A methodological approach contained in an approved, proposed new or revised methodological tool; or
  - (d) The approach in the "Standard: Establishment of standardized baselines for afforestation and reforestation project activities under the CDM".

### 5.2. Bottom-up process

#### 5.2.1. Submission of a proposed standardized baseline

- 11. A proponent may propose a standardized baseline through the DNA of the Party for which the standardized baseline is proposed. In doing so, the proponent shall ensure that the proposed standardized baseline complies<sup>2</sup> with the "Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines", including the requirements related to the data coverage period, data currentness and the validity<sup>3</sup> of standardized baselines. The DNA

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<sup>1</sup> The definition of "admitted observer organization" can be found at [https://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidclarif/glos\\_CDM.pdf](https://cdm.unfccc.int/Reference/Guidclarif/glos_CDM.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Deviations from the requirements in the standard may be proposed with due justification, when proposing a new standardized baseline.

<sup>3</sup> An alternative length of the validity of a standardized baseline compared to the default validity of three years may be proposed in accordance with the "Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines".

- should subsequently submit the proposed standardized baseline to the secretariat in accordance with paragraphs 15–18 below.
12. Where the proposed standardized baseline is developed for a group of Parties, it shall be approved by the DNAs of all these Parties. In this case, following the receipt of approval from all these DNAs, any one of the DNAs shall submit the proposed standardized baseline to the secretariat.
  13. Notwithstanding the provision in paragraph 10 above, if the proponent wishes to use a combination of the approaches for the development of the proposed standardized baseline, or deviate from the selected approach due to a specific issue of the sector or geographical area (e.g. country or region),<sup>4</sup> the proponent shall provide a justification for the necessity and the appropriateness of such combination or deviation in the submission of the proposed standardized baseline. In case of deviation from the approach referred to in paragraphs 10(b) or 10(c) above, the proponent shall also justify why a revision of the approved methodology or methodological tool is not necessary.
  14. If the proponent wishes to use a new or revised approach to be contained in a methodology or methodological tool in accordance with paragraphs 10(b) or 10(c) above, or if there is no approved methodology available to be used together with the proposed standardized baseline to estimate emission reductions, it shall, through the DNA of the Party for which the standardized baseline is proposed, request approval from the Board of a new or revised methodology or methodological tool in accordance with the “Procedure: Development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools”, through one of the following processes:
    - (a) Propose a new or revised methodology or methodological tool through the bottom-up process.<sup>5</sup> In this case, this proposal of a new or revised methodology or methodological tool shall be referred to in the submission of the proposed standardized baseline; or
    - (b) Request the secretariat to propose to the Board the top-down development of a new methodology or methodological tool or the top-down revision of an approved methodology or methodological tool. In this case, this request shall be referred to in the submission of the proposed standardized baseline.
  15. The DNA submitting the proposed standardized baseline shall submit the following documentation to the secretariat through a specified e-mail account made available on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) CDM website:
    - (a) The duly completed “Proposed standardized baseline submission form” (CDM-PSB-FORM);

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<sup>4</sup> The following are examples of specific issues of the sector or geographical area: (i) the data available for the development of a proposed standardized baseline have a different vintage than that required by the approved approach(es); (ii) the default values of baseline and additionality threshold per the “Guideline for establishment of sector specific standardized baselines” are not applicable in their sector-specific context and therefore a different value(s) of the threshold is justified.

<sup>5</sup> The proposed new or revised methodology or methodological tool for the purpose of developing a proposed standardized baseline, or the proposed new or revised methodology or methodological tool that will be used together with the proposed standardized baseline, may be submitted to the secretariat at the same time with the proposed standardized baseline in accordance with the “Procedure: development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools”.

- (b) A spreadsheet<sup>6</sup> containing all data used and the calculations performed for the establishment of the standardized baseline;
  - (c) A quality control report prepared in accordance with the “Guideline: Quality assurance and quality control of data used in the establishment of standardized baselines”;
  - (d) An assessment report prepared in accordance with paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 below;
  - (e) All additional documentation supporting the submission (e.g. statistics and/or, studies etc.), where applicable;
  - (f) Letters of approval on the proposed standardized baseline from all the DNAs of the Parties to which it applies.
16. In cases where no data collection/processing is required to establish the proposed standardized baseline<sup>7</sup>,
- (a) The documentation referred to in paragraphs 15(b)–15(c) above are not required to be submitted;
  - (b) The assessment report, referred to in paragraph 15(d) above, does not need to cover the quality assurance and quality control system referred to in paragraph 18(a) below. Consequently, the assessment report only needs to include an assessment of the compliance of the proposed standardized baseline with one of the approaches referred to in 18(b) below.
17. The assessment report referred to in paragraph 15(d) above may be prepared by a designated operational entity (DOE) contracted and paid for by either the DNA or any other entity under the agreement with the DNA. Alternatively, an assessment report may be prepared by a DOE with funding support in accordance with the modalities described in appendix 1 to this procedure.
18. The assessment report shall include positive assessment opinion:
- (a) On the compliance of the quality assurance and quality control system with the provisions and data quality objectives of the “Guideline: Quality assurance and quality control of data in the establishment of standardized baselines”;
  - (b) That the proposed standardized baseline meets the requirements of:
    - (i) One of the approaches referred to in paragraph 10 above;
    - (ii) A proposed combination of the approaches referred to in paragraph 10 above; or

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<sup>6</sup> In an accessible and verifiable (unprotected) format.

<sup>7</sup> Such cases are standardized baselines developed based only on existence of or lack of a policy/regulation. For example, since a standardized baseline for landfill gas destruction developed in accordance with the “Guideline for the establishment of sector specific standardized baselines” requires information only on regulations on the mandatory destruction level, no data collection/processing is required.

- (iii) One of the approaches referred to in paragraph 10 above with a proposed deviation from the approach.<sup>8</sup>

19. No fee shall be payable to the secretariat for the submission of the proposed standardized baseline.

### 5.2.2. Initial assessment

20. The secretariat shall undertake an initial assessment of the submission using the “Proposed standardized baseline initial assessment form” (CDM-PSBA-FORM) within 21 days of receipt of the submission to determine whether:

- (a) The DNA submitted all the documentation in accordance with paragraphs 15, 16 and 17;
- (b) The CDM-PSB-FORM has been duly completed, including the name and contact details of the proponent;
- (c) The proposed standardized baseline was derived from one of the approaches referred to in paragraph 10 above;
- (d) The assessment report includes the DOE’s positive assessment opinion in accordance with paragraph 18 above.

21. The secretariat shall inform the DNA and the proponent of the outcome of the initial assessment. If the secretariat finds that the required documentation or information is incomplete, it shall notify the DNA and the proponent accordingly. In this case, the DNA should provide the missing documents or information within 42 days of the notification.

22. The secretariat shall conclude the initial assessment within 14 days of the receipt of missing documents or information and inform the DNA and the proponent of the conclusion of the initial assessment. If the DNA does not provide the missing documents or information within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the submission and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the proposed standardized baseline continue to be considered. The secretariat shall resume processing the submission as soon as it receives the missing documents or information. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the missing documents or information within one year of the initial notification, the submission shall be considered withdrawn.

23. Upon successful conclusion of the initial assessment, the secretariat shall assign a reference number to the proposed standardized baseline and make the submitted documentation publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website with the exception of information declared confidential and/or proprietary by the DNA. Aggregated data and information used to derive the standardized baseline shall not be considered confidential or proprietary.

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<sup>8</sup> If the DOE assesses a proposed standardized baseline with a proposed deviation from an approved approach(es), the assessment of the proposed deviation is not required.

### 5.2.3. Preparation of a draft recommendation

24. Within 28 days of the successful conclusion of the initial assessment, the secretariat shall prepare a draft recommendation on the proposed standardized baseline using either:
  - (a) The “Proposed standardized baseline recommendation form” (CDM-PSBR-FORM) for the recommended course of action referred to in paragraphs 25(a) or 25(c) below; or
  - (e) The CDM-PSB-FORM for the recommended course of action referred to in paragraph 25(b) below.
25. The secretariat shall include in its draft recommendation one of the following courses of action:
  - (a) Approve the proposed standardized baseline;
  - (b) Request further input (e.g. additional information or modification to the submitted documentation) from the DNA and the proponent; or
  - (c) Not approve the proposed standardized baseline.
26. In preparing the draft recommendation, the secretariat may draw upon external expertise, depending on the technical complexity of the proposed standardized baseline and the availability of expertise in the secretariat, by selecting a maximum of two external experts from the Methodologies Roster of Experts. If the secretariat does not find suitable and available experts on the roster, it may use the services of experts not included on the roster.
27. The secretariat shall select two members of a relevant panel or working group<sup>9</sup> and forward its draft recommendation to them.

### 5.2.4. Consideration by selected members from the panel or working group

28. The two selected members of the relevant panel or working group shall, within seven days of receipt of the draft recommendation, independently assess the proposed standardized baseline and the draft recommendation and inform the secretariat of the outcome of their assessment.
29. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group agree to the draft recommendation to approve or not to approve the proposed standardized baseline, the secretariat shall forward it as the recommendation to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
30. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group agree to the draft recommendation that the proposed standardized baseline requires further input from the DNA, the secretariat shall notify the DNA and the proponent accordingly using the CDM-PSB-FORM. The DNA should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. All the input shall be highlighted in the CDM-PSB-FORM. If the DNA submits input including new data, the DNA should submit a revised assessment report, as applicable, within the same deadline. If the DNA does not provide the requested input and a revised assessment report, as applicable, within the deadline, the secretariat shall

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<sup>9</sup> For example, the Methodologies Panel, Afforestation and Reforestation Working Group or Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Working Group.

suspend processing the submission and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the proposed standardized baseline continue to be considered. The secretariat shall resume processing the submission as soon as it receives the requested input and a revised assessment report, as applicable. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the requested input and a revised assessment report, as applicable, within one year of the initial notification, the submission shall be considered withdrawn.

31. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA. If the secretariat finds that it is still not sufficient to recommend that the proposed standardized baseline be approved or not approved, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA and the proponent via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.
32. The secretariat shall revise the draft recommendation, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA and the proponent, as applicable, to recommend that the proposed standardized baseline be either approved or not approved. The secretariat shall forward the revised draft recommendation to the two selected members of the relevant panel or working group for their consideration. In this case, the steps in paragraphs 29 above or 33–37 below shall follow.

#### **5.2.5. Consideration by the panel or working group**

33. If at least one selected member of the relevant panel or working group disagrees with the draft recommendation or requests that it be considered by the relevant panel or working group, the secretariat shall forward the draft recommendation to the relevant panel or working group. The relevant panel or working group shall consider the proposed standardized baseline and the draft recommendation at its next meeting, provided it is received at least 14 days before the meeting; otherwise it shall be considered at the meeting after that one.
34. The relevant panel or working group shall finalize its consideration within two meetings, unless it finds that further input from the DNA or guidance from the Board is required. In case further input from the DNA or guidance from the Board is sought, the relevant panel or working group shall finalize its consideration at the meeting immediately following the receipt of such input or guidance. In finalizing its consideration, the relevant panel or working group shall conclude to recommend that the proposed standardized baseline be either approved or not approved. The secretariat shall forward it as the recommendation to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
35. If the relevant panel or working group finds that further input from the DNA is required, the secretariat shall notify the DNA and the proponent accordingly. In this case, the DNA should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. If the DNA does not submit the requested input within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the submission and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the proposed standardized baseline continue to be considered. The secretariat shall resume processing the submission as soon as it receives the requested input. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the requested input within one year of the initial notification, the submission shall be considered withdrawn.
36. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA. If the secretariat finds that the further input is still not sufficient to recommend that the proposed standardized baseline be approved or not approved, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA and the proponent via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.

37. The secretariat shall revise the draft recommendation, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA and the proponent, as applicable, to recommend that the proposed standardized baseline be either approved or not approved. The secretariat shall forward the revised draft recommendation to the relevant panel or working group for its final consideration. The relevant panel or working group shall conclude to recommend that the proposed standardized baseline be either approved or not approved. The secretariat shall forward it as the recommendation to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

#### **5.2.6. Preparation of draft standardized baseline**

38. If the recommendation is to approve the proposed standardized baseline, before forwarding it to the Board in accordance with paragraphs 29, 34 or 37 above, the secretariat shall:
- (a) Reformat the proposed standardized baseline into the form of draft standardized baseline (DSB) and send it to the two selected panel or working group members or to the relevant panel or working group, whichever considered the draft recommendation last. Upon receipt of an agreement on the DSB from the two selected panel or working group members, or from the relevant panel or working group, as applicable, the secretariat shall communicate the DSB to the DNA and the proponent. The DNA shall confirm that it is acceptable or request modifications to it within seven days of receipt. If the DNA does not respond by this deadline, the forwarding of the recommendation to the Board may be delayed accordingly. If the DNA does not accept the DSB and/or requests modification to it in its response, the secretariat shall forward the DSB and the response from the DNA to the two selected panel or working group members, or to the relevant panel or working group, whichever considered the draft recommendation last. In this case, taking into account the response from the DNA, the two selected panel or working group members shall finalize the DSB within seven days of receipt, or the relevant panel or working group shall finalize the DSB at its next meeting;
  - (b) Ensure that the proposed new or revised approach(es) to develop the proposed standardized baseline and/or the proposed new or revised methodology to be used together with the proposed standardized baseline to estimate emission reductions have been approved by the Board, if they have been submitted to the secretariat in accordance with paragraph 14 above.

#### **5.2.7. Consideration by the Board**

39. If no member of the Board objects to the recommendation received in accordance with paragraphs 29, 34 or 37 above within 28 days of receipt of the recommendation, the recommended course of action shall be deemed to be the decision adopted by the Board.
40. An objection by a member of the Board shall be made by notifying the Chair of the Board through the secretariat, giving reasons in writing. The secretariat shall acknowledge receipt of the objection and make it available to the Board.
41. If a member of the Board objects to the recommendation more than 14 days prior to the next Board meeting, the case shall be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting; otherwise it shall be placed on the agenda of the Board meeting after that one.

42. If the Board considers the case at its meeting, it shall decide on one of the following courses of action at the meeting:
- (a) Approve the DSB;
  - (b) Not approve the DSB;
  - (c) Continue the consideration of the DSB at the next Board meeting; or
  - (d) Request a relevant panel or working group to review the recommendation and provide guidance on the issues for the review.
43. Once a decision has been made by the Board, the secretariat shall inform the DNA and the proponent of the decision and any guidance provided by the Board, as applicable, and make the decision and guidance publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
44. If the DSB is not approved, the DNA or any other DNA of the Parties for which the standardized baseline is being proposed may at any time resubmit a proposed standardized baseline with revised documentation. Upon submission of the revised documentation, the submission shall be treated as a new submission of a proposed standardized baseline.

### **5.3. Top-down process**

#### **5.3.1. Initiation**

45. The secretariat may propose to the Board that the secretariat develop a DSB at any time following the receipt of an expression of interest from the DNA(s) of a Party(ies) for which the DSB will be proposed. The Board shall consider the proposal and decide on one of the following courses of action:
- (a) Approve the proposed development of the DSB including, if required during the course of the preparation of the DSB, the top-down development of, revision to, or deviation from:
    - (i) An approach to develop the DSB; and/or
    - (ii) A methodology to be used together with the DSB for the purpose of estimation of emission reductions;
  - (b) Not approve the proposed development of the DSB; or
  - (c) Continue the consideration of the proposed development of the DSB at the next Board meeting.

#### **5.3.2. Preparation of a draft standardized baseline**

46. If the Board decides to develop a DSB in accordance with paragraph 45(a) above, the DNA(s) shall submit the duly completed "Draft standardized baseline development agreement form" (CDM-DSBA-FORM) to the specified UNFCCC e-mail account made available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
47. Upon receipt of the duly completed CDM-DSBA-FORM, the secretariat shall prepare a draft development plan of the DSB in consultation with the DNA(s) using the "Draft standardized baseline development plan form" (CDM-DSBP-FORM), defining, inter alia, the scope, applicability, approach(es), data collection process, data quality assurance

process, necessity of a new or revised methodology or methodological tool, necessity of a deviation from the selected approach(es), and time frame for the development of the DSB.

48. The secretariat shall select two members of the relevant panel or working group and forward the draft development plan to them for their review. The selected members shall provide input on the draft development plan within five days of receipt.
49. The secretariat shall finalize the development plan, taking into account the input from the selected members of the relevant panel or working group within five days of receipt of the input.
50. The secretariat shall prepare the DSB in accordance with the development plan. In doing so, the secretariat shall ensure that the DSB complies with the “Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines”, including the requirements related to the data coverage period, data currentness and the validity<sup>10</sup> of standardized baselines.
51. In preparing the DSB, the secretariat may draw upon external expertise, depending on the technical complexity of the DSB and the availability of expertise in the secretariat, by selecting a maximum of two external experts from the Methodologies Roster of Experts. If the secretariat does not find suitable and available experts on the roster, it may use the services of experts not included on the roster.
52. The secretariat shall select two members of a relevant panel or working group and forward the DSB to them.

### **5.3.3. Consideration by selected members of panel or working group**

53. The two selected members of the relevant panel or working group shall, within seven days of receipt of the DSB, independently assess the DSB and inform the secretariat of their recommendation, indicating one of the following courses of action:
  - (a) Approve the DSB;
  - (b) Request further input (e.g. additional information or modification to the submitted documentation) from the DNA(s); or
  - (c) Request that the DSB be considered by the relevant panel or working group.
54. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group recommend that the DSB be approved, the secretariat shall forward it to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
55. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group recommend that the DSB requires further input from the DNA(s), the secretariat shall notify the DNA(s) accordingly. The DNA(s) should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. If the DNA(s) does not provide the requested input within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the development and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the DSB continue to be developed. The secretariat shall resume developing the DSB as soon as it receives the requested input. In any case, if the DNA

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<sup>10</sup> An alternative length of the validity of a standardized baseline compared to the default validity of three years may be proposed in accordance with the “Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines”.

does not provide the requested input within one year of the initial notification, the secretariat shall terminate the development of the DSB.

56. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA(s). If the secretariat finds that it is still not sufficient to develop the DSB, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA(s) via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.
57. The secretariat shall revise the DSB, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA(s), as applicable. The secretariat shall forward the revised DSB to the two selected members of the relevant panel or working group for their consideration. In this case, the steps in paragraphs 54 above or 58–62 below shall follow.

#### **5.3.4. Consideration by a panel or working group**

58. If at least one selected member of the relevant panel or working group requests that the DSB be considered by the relevant panel or working group, the secretariat shall forward the DSB to the relevant panel or working group. The relevant panel or working group shall consider the DSB at its next meeting, provided it is received at least 14 days before the meeting; otherwise it shall be considered at the meeting after that one.
59. The relevant panel or working group shall finalize the DSB within two meetings, unless it finds that further input from the DNA(s) or guidance from the Board is required. In case further input from the DNA(s) or guidance from the Board is sought, the relevant panel or working group shall finalize the DSB at the meeting immediately following receipt of such input or guidance. The secretariat shall forward it to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
60. If the relevant panel or working group finds that further input from the DNA(s) is required, the secretariat shall notify the DNA(s) accordingly. In this case, the DNA(s) should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. If the DNA(s) does not submit the requested input within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend the development of the DSB and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the DSB continue to be developed. The secretariat shall resume developing the DSB as soon as it receives the requested input. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the requested input within one year of the initial notification, the secretariat shall terminate the development of the DSB.
61. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA(s). If the secretariat finds that the further input is still not sufficient to develop the DSB, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA(s) via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.
62. The secretariat shall revise the DSB, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA(s), as applicable. The secretariat shall forward the revised DSB to the relevant panel or working group for its final consideration. The relevant panel or working group shall finalize the DSB. The secretariat shall forward it to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

#### **5.3.5. Finalization of a draft standardized baseline**

63. Before forwarding the DSB to the Board in accordance with paragraphs 54, 59 or 62 above, the secretariat shall communicate the DSB to the DNA(s). The DNA(s) shall confirm that it is acceptable or request modifications to it within 14 days of receipt. If the DNA(s) does not respond by this deadline, the forwarding of the DSB to the Board may

be delayed accordingly. If the DNA(s) does not accept the DSB and/or requests modification to it in its response, the secretariat shall forward the DSB and the response from the DNA(s) to the two selected panel or working group members, or to the relevant panel or working group, whichever considered the DSB last. In this case, taking into account the response of the DNA(s), the two selected panel or working group members shall finalize the DSB within seven days of receipt, or the relevant panel or working group shall finalize the DSB at its next meeting, as applicable.

### **5.3.6. Consideration by the Board**

64. If no member of the Board objects to approving the DSB received in accordance with paragraphs 54, 59 or 62 above within 28 days of receipt of the DSB, the DSB shall be deemed to be approved by the Board.
65. An objection by a member of the Board shall be made by notifying the Chair of the Board through the secretariat, giving reasons in writing. The secretariat shall acknowledge receipt of the objection and make it available to the Board.
66. If a member of the Board objects to approving the DSB more than 14 days prior to the next Board meeting, the case shall be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting; otherwise it shall be placed on the agenda of the Board meeting after that one.
67. If the Board considers the case at its meeting, it shall decide on one of the following courses of action at the meeting:
  - (a) Approve the DSB;
  - (b) Not approve the DSB;
  - (c) Continue the consideration of the DSB at the next Board meeting; or
  - (d) Request a relevant panel or working group to review the DSB and provide guidance on the issues for the review.
68. Once a decision has been made by the Board, the secretariat shall inform the DNA(s) of the decision and any guidance provided by the Board, as applicable, and make the decision and guidance publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

## **6. Revision of a standardized baseline**

### **6.1. Bottom-up process**

#### **6.1.1. Submission of proposed revised standardized baseline**

69. A proponent may, taking into account the principles for revisions referred to in appendix 3 to this procedure, propose a revision to an approved standardized baseline through the DNA of a Party for which the revised standardized baseline is proposed. In doing so, if new or additional data were used to establish the proposed revised standardized baseline, the proponent shall ensure that the new or additional data used in the proposed revised standardized baseline complies<sup>11</sup> with the “Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines”, including the requirements related to the data coverage

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<sup>11</sup> Deviations from the requirements in the standard may be proposed with due justification when proposing a revision to an approved standardized baseline.

period and data currentness. The DNA should subsequently submit the proposed revised standardized baseline to the secretariat in accordance with paragraphs 71–73 below.

70. Where the proposed revised standardized baseline is developed for a group of Parties, it shall be approved by the DNAs of all these Parties. In this case, following the receipt of approval from all these DNAs, any one of the DNAs shall submit the proposed revised standardized baseline to the secretariat in accordance with this procedure.
71. The DNA submitting the proposed revised standardized baseline shall submit the following documentation to the secretariat through a specified e-mail account made available on the UNFCCC CDM website:
- (a) The duly completed “Approved standardized baseline revision request form” (CDM-ASR-FORM);
  - (b) The proposed revised standardized baseline, highlighting the proposed changes to the approved standardized baseline;
  - (c) A spreadsheet<sup>12</sup> containing all data used and the calculations performed for the establishment of the proposed revised standardized baseline;
  - (d) A quality control report prepared in accordance with the “Guideline: Quality assurance and quality control of data used in the establishment of standardized baselines”;
  - (e) An assessment report on the proposed revised standardized baseline containing the information referred to in paragraph 18 above and prepared in accordance with paragraph 72(b) below;
  - (f) All additional documentation supporting the submission (e.g. statistics and/or, studies etc.), where applicable;
  - (g) Letters of approval on the proposed revised standardized baseline from all the DNAs of the Parties to which it applies.
72. In cases where no new or additional data were required to establish the proposed revised standardized baseline:
- (a) The documentation referred to in paragraph 71(d) above is not required to be submitted;
  - (b) The assessment report referred to in paragraph 71(e) above does not need to include positive assessment opinion of the compliance of the quality assurance and quality control system referred to in paragraph 18(a) above. Consequently, the assessment report only needs to include a positive assessment opinion that the proposed standardized baseline meets the requirements of one of the approaches referred to in paragraph 18(b) above.
73. The assessment report referred to in paragraph 71(e) above may be prepared by a DOE contracted and paid for by either the DNA or any other entity under the agreement with the DNA. Alternatively, an assessment report may be prepared by a DOE with funding support in accordance with the modalities described in appendix 1 to this procedure.

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<sup>12</sup> In an accessible and verifiable (unprotected) format.

74. No fee shall be payable to the secretariat for the submission of the proposed revised standardized baseline.

#### **6.1.2. Initial assessment**

75. The secretariat shall undertake an initial assessment of the submission using the "Approved standardized baseline revision request initial assessment form" (CDM-ASIA-FORM) within 21 days of receipt of the submission to determine whether:
- (a) The DNA submitted all the documentation in accordance with paragraphs 71 and 72 above;
  - (b) The CDM-ASR-FORM, has been duly completed, including the name and contact details of the proponent;
  - (c) The proposed revised standardized baseline was derived from the same approach as the one used in the approved standardized baseline that is being proposed for revision;
  - (d) The assessment report includes DOE's positive assessment opinion in accordance with paragraph 18 above.
76. The secretariat shall inform the DNA and the proponent of the outcome of the initial assessment. If the secretariat finds that the required documentation or information is incomplete, it shall notify the DNA and the proponent accordingly. In this case, the DNA should provide the missing documents or information within 42 days of the notification.
77. The secretariat shall conclude the initial assessment within 14 days of receipt of the missing documents or information and inform the DNA and the proponent of the conclusion of the initial assessment. If the DNA does not provide the missing documents or information within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the submission and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the proposed revised standardized baseline continue to be considered. The secretariat shall resume processing the submission as soon as it receives the missing documents or information. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the missing documents or information within one year of the initial notification, the submission shall be considered withdrawn.
78. Upon successful conclusion of the initial assessment, the secretariat shall assign a reference number to the proposed revision and make the submitted documentation publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website with the exception of information declared confidential and/or proprietary by the DNA. Aggregated data and information used to derive the standardized baseline shall not be considered confidential or proprietary.

#### **6.1.3. Preparation of a draft recommendation**

79. Within 28 days of the successful conclusion of the initial assessment, the secretariat shall prepare a draft recommendation on the proposed revised standardized baseline using either:
- (a) The "Approved standardized baseline revision recommendation form" (CDM-ASRR-FORM) for the recommended course of action referred to in paragraphs 80(a) or 80(c) below; or
  - (b) The CDM-ASR-FORM for the recommended course of action referred to in paragraph 80(b) below.

80. The secretariat shall include in its draft recommendation one of the following courses of action:
- (a) Approve the proposed revised standardized baseline, indicating that:
    - (i) The revision is a major revision; or
    - (ii) The revision is a minor revision;
  - (b) Request further input (e.g. additional information or modification to the submitted documentation) from the DNA and the proponent; or
  - (c) Not approve the proposed revised standardized baseline.
81. In preparing the draft recommendation, the secretariat may draw upon external expertise, depending on the technical complexity of the proposed revised standardized baseline and the availability of expertise in the secretariat, by selecting a maximum of two external experts from the Methodologies Roster of Experts. If the secretariat does not find suitable and available experts on the roster, it may use the services of experts not included on the roster.
82. The secretariat shall select two members of a relevant panel or working group and forward its draft recommendation to them.

#### **6.1.4. Consideration by selected members of panel or working group**

83. The two selected members of the relevant panel or working group shall, within seven days of receipt of the draft recommendation, independently assess the proposed revised standardized baseline and the draft recommendation, and inform the secretariat of the outcome of their assessment.
84. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group agree to the draft recommendation that the proposed revised standardized baseline be approved indicating that the revision is major,<sup>13</sup> approved indicating that the revision is minor,<sup>14</sup> or not approved, the secretariat shall forward it as the recommendation to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
85. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group agree to the draft recommendation that the proposed revised standardized baseline requires further input from the DNA, the secretariat shall notify the DNA and the proponent accordingly using the CDM-ASR-FORM. The DNA should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. All the input shall be highlighted in the CDM-ASR-FORM. If the DNA does not provide the requested input within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the submission and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the proposed revised standardized baseline continue to be considered. The secretariat shall resume processing the submission as soon as it receives the requested input. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the requested input within one year of the initial notification, the submission shall be considered withdrawn.
86. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA. If the secretariat finds that it is still not sufficient to recommend that the proposed revised standardized baseline

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<sup>13</sup> See paragraph 175.

<sup>14</sup> See paragraph 178.

be approved indicating that the revision is major or minor, or not approved, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA and the proponent via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.

87. The secretariat shall revise the draft recommendation, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA and the proponent, as applicable, to recommend that the proposed revised standardized baseline be either approved indicating that the revision is major or minor, or not approved. The secretariat shall forward the revised draft recommendation to the two selected members of the relevant panel or working group for their consideration. In this case, the steps in paragraphs 84 above or 88–92 below shall follow.

#### **6.1.5. Consideration by a panel or working group**

88. If at least one selected member of the relevant panel or working group disagrees with the draft recommendation or requests that it be considered by the relevant panel or working group, the secretariat shall forward the draft recommendation to the relevant panel or working group. The relevant panel or working group shall consider the proposed revised standardized baseline and the draft recommendation at its next meeting, provided it is received at least 14 days before the meeting; otherwise it shall be considered at the meeting after that one.
89. The relevant panel or working group shall finalize its consideration within two meetings, unless it finds that further input from the DNA or guidance from the Board is required. In case further input from the DNA or guidance from the Board is sought, the relevant panel or working group shall finalize its consideration at the meeting immediately following receipt of such input or guidance. In finalizing its consideration, the relevant panel or working group shall conclude to recommend that the proposed revised standardized baseline be either approved indicating that the revision is major or minor, or not approved. The secretariat shall forward it as the recommendation to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
90. If the relevant panel or working group finds that further input from the DNA is required, the secretariat shall notify the DNA and the proponent accordingly. In this case, the DNA should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. If the DNA does not submit the requested input within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the submission and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the proposed revised standardized baseline continue to be considered. The secretariat shall resume processing the submission as soon as it receives the requested input. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the requested input within one year of the initial notification, the submission shall be considered withdrawn.
91. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA. If the secretariat finds that the further input is still not sufficient to recommend that the proposed revised standardized baseline be approved indicating that the revision is major or minor, or not approved, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA and the proponent via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.
92. The secretariat shall revise the draft recommendation, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA and the proponent, as applicable, to recommend that the proposed revised standardized baseline be either approved indicating that the revision is major or minor, or not approved. The secretariat shall forward the revised draft recommendation to the relevant panel or working group for its final consideration. The

relevant panel or working group shall conclude to recommend that the proposed revised standardized baseline be either approved indicating that the revision is major or minor or not approved. The secretariat shall forward it as the recommendation to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

#### **6.1.6. Preparation of draft revised standardized baseline**

93. If the draft recommendation is to approve the proposed revised standardized baseline in accordance with paragraphs 84, 89 or 92 above, the secretariat shall, before forwarding it as the recommendation to the Board, reformat the proposed revised standardized baseline and send it to the two selected panel or working group members or to the relevant panel or working group, whichever considered it last. Upon receipt of an agreement on the reformatted revised standardized baseline from the two selected panel or working group members, or from the relevant panel or working group, as applicable, the secretariat shall communicate the reformatted revised standardized baseline to the DNA and the proponent. The DNA shall confirm that it is acceptable or request modifications to it within seven days of receipt. If the DNA does not respond by this deadline, the forwarding of the recommendation to the Board may be delayed accordingly. If the DNA does not accept the reformatted revised standardized baseline and/or requests modification to it in its response, the secretariat shall forward the reformatted revised standardized baseline and the response from the DNA to the two selected panel or working group members, or to the relevant panel or working group, whichever considered the draft recommendation last. In this case, taking into account the response from the DNA, the two selected panel or working group members shall finalize the reformatted revised standardized baseline within seven days of receipt, or the relevant panel or working group shall finalize the reformatted revised standardized baseline at its next meeting, as applicable.

#### **6.1.7. Consideration by the Board**

94. If no member of the Board objects to the recommendation received in accordance with paragraphs 84, 89 or 92 above within 28 days of receipt of the recommendation, the recommended course of action shall be deemed to be the decision adopted by the Board.
95. An objection by a member of the Board shall be made by notifying the Chair of the Board through the secretariat, giving reasons in writing. The secretariat shall acknowledge receipt of the objection and make it available to the Board.
96. If a member of the Board objects to the recommendation more than 14 days prior to the next Board meeting, the case shall be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting; otherwise it shall be placed on the agenda of the Board meeting after that one.
97. If the Board considers the case at its meeting, it shall decide on one of the following courses of action at the meeting:
- (a) Approve the proposed revised standardized baseline, indicating that:
    - (i) The revision is a major revision; or
    - (ii) The revision is a minor revision;
  - (b) Not approve the proposed revised standardized baseline;
  - (c) Continue the consideration of the proposed revised standardized baseline at the next Board meeting; or

- (d) Request a relevant panel or working group to review the recommendation and provide guidance on the issues for the review.
98. Once a decision has been made by the Board, the secretariat shall inform the DNA and the proponent of the decision and any guidance provided by the Board, as applicable, and make the decision and guidance publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
99. If the proposed revised standardized baseline is not approved, the DNA or any other DNA of the Parties for which the revised standardized baseline is being proposed may at any time resubmit a proposed revised standardized baseline with revised documentation. Upon submission of the revised documentation, the submission shall be treated as a new submission of a proposed revised standardized baseline.

## **6.2. Top-down process**

### **6.2.1. Initiation**

100. The Board may, taking into account the principles for revisions referred to in appendix 3 to this procedure, decide to revise an approved standardized baseline at any time. If the Board decides to revise an approved standardized baseline, the Board shall also decide to:
- (a) Put on hold the approved standardized baseline with immediate effect. In this case, DOEs shall not submit, through a dedicated interface on the UNFCCC CDM website, any project design document (PDD) or programme of activities design document (PoA-DD) for global stakeholder consultation, any request for registration or any request for renewal of the crediting period of a project activity or PoA applying the approved standardized baseline from the day following the date of publication of the Board's meeting report containing the decision;
  - (b) Put on hold the approved standardized baseline with a grace period of 28 days. In this case, DOEs shall not submit, through a dedicated interface on the UNFCCC CDM website, any PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, any request for registration or any request for renewal of the crediting period of a project activity or PoA applying the approved standardized baseline more than 28 days following the date of publication of the Board's meeting report containing the decision; or
  - (c) Maintain the current version of the approved standardized baseline until the expiry of its validity in accordance with section 9 below.
101. A relevant panel or working group or the secretariat may at any time, taking into account the principles for revisions referred to in appendix 3 to this procedure, propose that the Board revise an approved standardized baseline. If the panel or working group or the secretariat considers that the current version of the approved standardized baseline should be put on hold, it shall recommend so to the Board. In these cases, the Board shall consider the proposal and/or the recommendation and decide whether to revise and/or to put on hold the current version of the approved standardized baseline in accordance with paragraph 100 above.

### **6.2.2. Preparation of a draft revised standardized baseline**

102. If the Board decides to revise an approved standardized baseline in accordance with paragraphs 100 or 101 above, the secretariat shall communicate the decision to the

DNA(s) of the Party(ies) for which a revised standardized baseline will be proposed and seek its(their) agreement to the initiation of the revision. Following receipt of the agreement with the DNA(s) using the "Approved standardized baseline revision agreement form" (CDM-ASRA-FORM), the secretariat shall prepare a draft revised standardized baseline highlighting the proposed changes to the approved standardized baseline.

103. In preparing the draft revised standardized baseline, the secretariat may draw upon external expertise, depending on the technical complexity of the revision and the availability of expertise in the secretariat, by selecting a maximum of two external experts from the Methodologies Roster of Experts. If the secretariat does not find suitable and available experts on the roster, it may use the services of experts not included on the roster.
104. The secretariat shall select two members of a relevant panel or working group and forward the draft revised standardized baseline to them.

### **6.2.3. Consideration by selected members of a panel or working group**

105. The two selected members of the relevant panel or working group shall, within seven days of receipt of the draft revised standardized baseline, independently assess the draft revised standardized baseline and inform the secretariat of their recommendation indicating one of the following courses of action:
  - (a) Approve the draft revised standardized baseline, indicating that:
    - (i) The revision is a major revision; or
    - (ii) The revision is a minor revision;
  - (b) Request further input (e.g. additional information or modification to the submitted documentation) from the DNA(s); or
  - (c) Request that the draft revised standardized baseline be considered by the relevant panel or working group.
106. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group recommend that the draft revised standardized baseline be approved indicating that the revision is either major or minor, the secretariat shall forward it to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
107. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group recommend that the draft revised standardized baseline requires further input from the DNA(s), the secretariat shall notify the DNA(s) accordingly. The DNA(s) should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. If the DNA(s) does not provide the requested input within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the development and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the draft revised standardized baseline continue to be developed. The secretariat shall resume development of the draft revised standardized baseline as soon as it receives the requested input. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the requested input within one year of the initial notification, the secretariat shall terminate the development of the draft revised standardized baseline.
108. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA(s). If the secretariat finds that it is still not sufficient to develop the draft revised standardized baseline, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA(s) via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.

109. The secretariat shall revise the draft revised standardized baseline, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA(s), as applicable. The secretariat shall forward the revised draft revised standardized baseline to the two selected members of the relevant panel or working group for their consideration. In this case, the steps in paragraphs 106 above or 110–114 below shall follow.

#### **6.2.4. Consideration by a panel or working group**

110. If at least one selected member of the relevant panel or working group requests that the draft revised standardized baseline be considered by the relevant panel or working group, the secretariat shall forward the draft revised standardized baseline to the relevant panel or working group. The relevant panel or working group shall consider the draft revised standardized baseline at its next meeting, provided it is received at least 14 days before the meeting; otherwise it shall be considered at the Board meeting after that one.
111. The relevant panel or working group shall finalize the draft revised standardized baseline within two meetings, unless it finds that further input from the DNA(s) or guidance from the Board is required. In case further input from the DNA(s) or guidance from the Board is sought, the relevant panel or working group shall finalize the draft revised standardized baseline at the meeting immediately following receipt of such input or guidance. The secretariat shall forward it to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
112. If the relevant panel or working group finds that further input from the DNA(s) is required, the secretariat shall notify the DNA(s) accordingly. In this case, the DNA(s) should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. If the DNA(s) does not submit the requested input within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend the development of the draft revised standardized baseline and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the draft revised standardized baseline continue to be developed. The secretariat shall resume development of the draft revised standardized baseline as soon as it receives the requested input. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the requested input within one year of the initial notification, the secretariat shall terminate the development of the draft revised standardized baseline.
113. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA(s). If the secretariat finds that the further input is still not sufficient to develop the draft revised standardized baseline, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA(s) via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.
114. The secretariat shall revise the draft revised standardized baseline, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA(s), as applicable. The secretariat shall forward the revised draft revised standardized baseline to the relevant panel or working group for its final consideration. The relevant panel or working group shall finalize the draft revised standardized baseline. The secretariat shall forward it to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

#### **6.2.5. Finalization of draft revised standardized baseline**

115. Before forwarding the draft revised standardized baseline in accordance with paragraphs 106, 111 or 114 above, the secretariat shall communicate the draft revised standardized baseline to the DNA(s). The DNA(s) shall confirm that it is acceptable or request modifications to it within 14 days of receipt. If the DNA(s) does not respond by this deadline, the forwarding of the draft revised standardized baseline to the Board may be

delayed accordingly. If the DNA(s) does not accept the draft revised standardized baseline and/or requests modification to it in its response, the secretariat shall forward the draft revised standardized baseline and the response from the DNA(s) to the two selected panel or working group members, or to the relevant panel or working group, whichever considered the draft revised standardized baseline last. In this case, taking into account the response of the DNA(s), the two selected panel or working group members shall finalize the draft revised standardized baseline within seven days of receipt, or the relevant panel or working group shall finalize the draft revised standardized baseline at its next meeting, as applicable.

#### **6.2.6. Consideration by the Board**

116. If no member of the Board objects to approving the draft revised standardized baseline received in accordance with paragraphs 106, 111 or 114 above within 28 days of receipt of the draft revised standardized baseline, the draft revised standardized baseline shall be deemed to be approved by the Board.
117. An objection by a member of the Board shall be made by notifying the Chair of the Board through the secretariat, giving reasons in writing. The secretariat shall acknowledge receipt of the objection and make it available to the Board.
118. If a member of the Board objects to approving the draft revised standardized baseline more than 14 days prior to the next Board meeting, the case shall be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting; otherwise it shall be placed on the agenda of the Board meeting after that one.
119. If the Board considers the case at its meeting, it shall decide on one of the following courses of action at the meeting:
  - (a) Approve the draft revised standardized baseline, indicating that:
    - (i) The revision is a major revision; or
    - (ii) The revision is a minor revision;
  - (b) Not approve the draft revised standardized baseline;
  - (c) Continue the consideration of the draft revised standardized baseline at the next Board meeting; or
  - (d) Request a relevant panel or working group to review the draft revised standardized baseline and provide guidance on the issues for the review.
120. Once a decision has been made by the Board, the secretariat shall inform the DNA(s) of the decision and any guidance provided by the Board, as applicable, and make the decision and guidance publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

#### **6.2.7. Other**

121. The secretariat may propose an editorial revision to an approved standardized baseline at any time. In this case, the secretariat shall submit a draft revised standardized baseline to the Chair of the Board for his/her review. If the Chair agrees to the draft revised standardized baseline, the secretariat shall publish the revised standardized baseline on the UNFCCC CDM website. The editorial revision shall be noted in the report of the next meeting of the Board.

## **7. Clarification of a standardized baseline**

### **7.1. Bottom-up process**

#### **7.1.1. Submission of request for clarification**

122. The project participants of a planned CDM project activity or PoA, the coordinating/managing entity of a planned CDM PoA, a DOE, a DNA or any other stakeholder (hereinafter in section 7.1 referred to as the enquirer) may, taking into account the principles for clarifications referred to in appendix 3 to this procedure, request clarification of an approved standardized baseline by submitting the duly completed "Approved standardized baseline clarification request form" (CDM-ASC-FORM) to the secretariat through a specified e-mail account made available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

#### **7.1.2. Initial assessment**

123. The secretariat shall give notice of the receipt of the request for clarification to the DNA(s) of a Party(ies) to which the approved standardized baseline applies within seven days of receipt.

124. The secretariat shall undertake an initial assessment of the submission using the "Approved standardized baseline clarification request initial assessment form" (CDM-ASCA-FORM) within 21 days of receipt of the submission, to determine whether:

- (a) The CDM-ASC-FORM, including the name and contact details of the enquirer, has been duly completed; and
- (b) The submission is categorized as either:
  - (i) Involving no regulatory and/or technical ambiguity or only simple regulatory and/or technical issues, hence requiring no analysis or only a simple analysis to formulate a clarification; or
  - (ii) Involving complex regulatory and/or technical issues and/or having the potential to apply to multiple versions of the approved standardized baseline, hence requiring a thorough analysis to formulate a clarification.

125. If the secretariat finds that the submission is incomplete, it shall request the enquirer to submit the missing or revised documents and/or information. In this case, the enquirer shall submit the requested documents and/or information to the secretariat within five days of the receipt of the request. If the enquirer does not submit the requested documents and/or information by this deadline, the secretariat shall conclude that the submission is incomplete.

126. Upon conclusion of the initial assessment, the secretariat shall notify the enquirer of the conclusion of the initial assessment. If the submission is concluded as incomplete in accordance with paragraph 125 above, the secretariat shall communicate the underlying reasons to the enquirer. In this case, the enquirer may resubmit the request for clarification with revised documentation at any time. Upon submission, the revised documentation shall be treated as a new submission of a request for clarification under this procedure.

**7.1.3. Fast track**

127. If the submission is determined as being the case referred to in paragraph 124(b)(i) above, the secretariat shall prepare a clarification using the “Approved standardized baseline clarification response form” (CDM-ASCR-FORM) and send it to the enquirer and the DNA(s) within nine days of the successful conclusion of the initial assessment.
128. In preparing the clarification, the secretariat may consult with the relevant panel or working group. In this case, the timeline referred to in paragraph 127 above shall not apply. The secretariat shall send a draft clarification to the relevant panel or working group within nine days of the successful conclusion of the initial assessment. If no member of the panel or working group objects to the draft clarification within seven days of receipt of the draft clarification, the clarification shall be deemed finalized by the panel or working group. If a member of the panel or working group objects to the draft clarification, the case shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the panel or working group. At the meeting where the case is placed on the agenda, the panel or working group shall make every effort to finalize the clarification within one meeting.
129. The secretariat shall publish the clarification on the UNFCCC CDM website.

**7.1.4. Regular track**

130. If the submission is determined as being the case referred to in paragraph 124(b)(ii) above, the secretariat shall prepare a draft recommendation of a clarification to the relevant panel or working group using the CDM-ASCR-FORM.
131. In preparing the draft recommendation, the secretariat may draw upon external expertise, depending on the technical complexity of the issues in question and the availability of expertise in the secretariat, by selecting a maximum of two external experts from the Methodologies Roster of Experts. If the secretariat does not find suitable and available experts on the roster, it may use the services of experts not included on the roster.
132. The secretariat shall select one member of the relevant panel or working group and forward the draft recommendation to him/her for review. The selected member shall provide input on the draft recommendation within three days of receipt.
133. The secretariat may also forward the draft recommendation to the DNA(s) of a Party(ies) to which the standardized baseline applies for review. In this case, the DNA(s) shall provide input on the draft recommendation within seven days of receipt.
134. The secretariat shall finalize the recommendation, taking into account the input from the selected member and the DNA(s), as applicable, and submit it to the relevant panel or working group for consideration.
135. The relevant panel or working group shall consider the recommendation, finalize the recommendation to the Board and publish it in its corresponding meeting report, indicating the version(s) of the approved standardized baseline to which the clarification applies. The relevant panel or working group shall make every effort to finalize the recommendation within one meeting.
136. At the Board meeting for which the recommendation to the Board is placed on the agenda, the Board shall decide to either:
  - (a) Approve the recommended clarification; or

- (b) Request the relevant panel or working group to review the recommendation to the Board and provide guidance on the issues for review.

137. If the Board approves the clarification, the secretariat shall send the finalized clarification to the enquirer and the DNA(s).

138. The secretariat shall publish the clarification on the UNFCCC CDM website.

#### **7.1.5. Other**

139. At any step before the clarification is finalized in accordance with paragraphs 127, 128 or 136(a) above, the secretariat may request the enquirer to provide additional information regarding the request for clarification within a defined time frame to facilitate the assessment by the secretariat and/or the consideration by the relevant panel or working group. If such information significantly affects the outcome of the consideration, the secretariat shall make the information publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

### **7.2. Top-down process**

140. If the Board, a relevant panel or working group, or the secretariat finds it necessary, taking into account the principles for clarifications referred to in appendix 3 to this procedure, to clarify provisions of an approved standardized baseline, the process to revise the approved standardized baseline as defined in section 6.2 shall be followed. In this case, the draft revised standardized baseline shall incorporate all relevant clarifications issued prior to the revision.

## **8. Update of a standardized baseline**

### **8.1. Bottom-up process**

#### **8.1.1. Submission of a proposed updated standardized baseline**

141. A proponent may propose an updated standardized baseline through the DNA of the Party for which the updated standardized baseline is proposed. In doing so, the proponent shall ensure that the proposed updated standardized baseline complies<sup>15</sup> with the “Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines”, including the requirements related to the data coverage period, data currentness and the validity<sup>16</sup> of standardized baselines. The DNA should subsequently submit the proposed updated standardized baseline to the secretariat in accordance with paragraphs 143–145 below.

142. Where the proposed updated standardized baseline is developed for a group of Parties, it shall be approved by the DNAs of all these Parties. In this case, following the receipt of approval from all these DNAs, any one of the DNAs shall submit the proposed updated standardized baseline to the secretariat in accordance with this procedure.

143. The DNA submitting the proposed updated standardized baseline shall submit the following documentation to the secretariat through a specified e-mail account made

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<sup>15</sup> Deviations from the requirements in the standard may be proposed with due justification when proposing an update of an approved standardized baseline.

<sup>16</sup> An alternative length of the validity of standardized baselines compared to the default validity of three years may be proposed in accordance with the “Standard: Determining coverage of data and validity of standardized baselines”.

available on the UNFCCC CDM website between 270 to 180 days prior to the date when the validity of the current standardized baseline expires.<sup>17</sup>

- (a) The duly completed “Approved standardized baseline update request form” (CDM-ASU-FORM);
  - (b) The proposed updated standardized baseline, highlighting the proposed changes to the approved standardized baseline;
  - (c) A spreadsheet<sup>18</sup> containing all data used and the calculations performed for the establishment of the proposed updated standardized baseline;
  - (d) A quality control report prepared in accordance with the “Guideline: Quality assurance and quality control of data used in the establishment of standardized baselines”;
  - (e) An assessment report on the proposed updated standardized baseline containing the information referred to in paragraph 18 above and prepared in accordance with paragraph 144 below;
  - (f) All additional documentation supporting the submission (e.g. statistics and/or, studies etc.), where applicable;
  - (g) Letters of approval on the proposed updated standardized baseline from all the DNAs of the Parties to which it applies.
144. In cases where no new or additional data were required to establish the proposed updated standardized baseline:
- (a) The documentation referred to in paragraph 143(d) above is not required to be submitted;
  - (b) The assessment report referred to in paragraph 143(e) above does not need to include a positive assessment opinion of the compliance of the quality assurance and quality control system referred to in paragraph 18(a) above. Consequently, the assessment report only needs to include a positive assessment opinion that the proposed standardized baseline meets the requirements of one of the approaches referred to in paragraph 18(b) above.
145. The assessment report referred to in paragraph 143(e) above may be prepared by a DOE contracted and paid for by either the DNA or any other entity under agreement with the DNA. Alternatively, an assessment report may be prepared by a DOE with funding support in accordance with the modalities described in appendix 1 to this procedure.
146. The secretariat shall make every effort to inform the DNA(s) in advance of the period for requesting update of the approved standardized baseline. It remains the responsibility of the DNA(s) to ensure that all actions are taken in accordance with this section of the procedure in a timely manner.

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<sup>17</sup> Any delay in the submission from this time frame may create a gap period between the expiry of the current standardized baseline and the entry-into-force of the updated standardized baseline. For the requirement for addressing such gap period, see section 9 below.

<sup>18</sup> In an accessible and verifiable (unprotected) format.

147. The Board may, upon request from the DNA(s), decide to request the secretariat to provide technical support to the DNA(s) for the preparation of the request without prejudice to the outcome of the subsequent request.
148. No fee shall be payable to the secretariat for the submission of the proposed updated standardized baseline.

### **8.1.2. Initial assessment**

149. The secretariat shall undertake an initial assessment of the submission using the “Approved standardized baseline update request initial assessment form” (CDM-ASUA-FORM) within 21 days of receipt of the submission. The secretariat shall assess whether:
- (a) The DNA submitted all the documentation in accordance with paragraphs 143 and 144 above;
  - (b) The CDM-ASU-FORM, including the name and contact details of the proponent, has been duly completed;
  - (c) The proposed updated standardized baseline was derived from the same approach as the one used in the approved standardized baseline that is being proposed for an update;
  - (d) The proposed updated standardized baseline, if developed using the approach referred to in paragraphs 10(b) or 10(c) above, does not require revision to the underlying approved methodology or methodological tool. If it requires such revision, the secretariat shall propose that the Board carry out the revision through the top-down process in accordance with the “Procedure: development, revision and clarification of baseline and monitoring methodologies and methodological tools”;
  - (e) The assessment report includes DOE’s positive assessment opinion in accordance with paragraph 18 above.
150. The secretariat shall inform the DNA and the proponent of the outcome of the initial assessment. If the secretariat finds that the required documentation or information is incomplete, it shall notify the DNA and the proponent accordingly. In this case, the DNA should provide the missing documents or information within 42 days of the notification.
151. The secretariat shall conclude the initial assessment within 14 days of receipt of missing documents or information and inform the DNA and the proponent of the conclusion of the initial assessment. If the DNA does not provide the missing documents or information within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the submission and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the proposed updated standardized baseline continue to be considered. The secretariat shall resume processing the submission as soon as it receives the missing documents or information. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the missing documents or information within one year of the initial notification, the submission shall be considered withdrawn.
152. Upon successful conclusion of the initial assessment, the secretariat shall assign a reference number to the proposed updated standardized baseline and make the submitted documentation publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website with the exception of information declared confidential and/or proprietary by the DNA. Aggregated data and information used to derive the standardized baseline shall not be considered confidential or proprietary.

### **8.1.3. Preparation of a draft recommendation**

153. Within 28 days of the successful conclusion of the initial assessment, the secretariat shall prepare a draft recommendation on the proposed updated standardized baseline using either:
  - (a) The “Approved standardized baseline update recommendation form” (CDM-ASUR-FORM) for the recommended course of action referred to in paragraphs 154(a) or 154(c) below; or
  - (b) The CDM-ASU-FORM for the recommended course of action referred to in paragraph 154(b) below.
154. The secretariat shall include in its draft recommendation one of the following courses of action:
  - (a) Approve the proposed updated standardized baseline;
  - (b) Request further input (e.g. additional information or modification to the submitted documentation) from the DNA and the proponent; or
  - (c) Not approve the proposed updated standardized baseline.
155. In preparing the draft recommendation, the secretariat may draw upon external expertise, depending on the technical complexity of the proposed updated standardized baseline and the availability of expertise in the secretariat, by selecting a maximum of two external experts from the Methodologies Roster of Experts. If the secretariat does not find suitable and available experts on the roster, it may use the services of experts not included on the roster.
156. The secretariat shall select two members of a relevant panel or working group and forward its draft recommendation to them.

### **8.1.4. Consideration by selected members of a panel or working group**

157. The two selected members of the relevant panel or working group shall, within seven days of receipt of the draft recommendation, independently assess the proposed updated standardized baseline and the draft recommendation, and inform the secretariat of the outcome of their assessment.
158. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group agree to the draft recommendation to approve or not to approve the proposed updated standardized baseline, the secretariat shall forward it as the recommendation to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
159. If both of the selected members of the relevant panel or working group agree to the draft recommendation that the proposed updated standardized baseline requires further input from the DNA, the secretariat shall notify the DNA and the proponent accordingly using the CDM-ASU-FORM. The DNA should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. All the input shall be highlighted in the CDM-ASU-FORM. If the DNA does not provide the requested input within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the submission and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the proposed standardized baseline continue to be considered. The secretariat shall resume processing the submission as soon as it receives the requested input. In any case, if the DNA does

not provide the requested input within one year of the initial notification, the submission shall be considered withdrawn.

160. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA. If the secretariat finds that it is still not sufficient to recommend that the proposed updated standardized baseline be approved or not approved, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA and the proponent via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.
161. The secretariat shall revise the draft recommendation, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA and the proponent, as applicable, to recommend that the proposed updated standardized baseline be either approved or not approved. The secretariat shall forward the revised draft recommendation to the two selected members of the relevant panel or working group for their consideration. In this case, the steps in paragraphs 158 or 162–166 below shall follow.

#### **8.1.5. Consideration by a panel or working group**

162. If at least one selected member of the relevant panel or working group disagrees with the draft recommendation or requests that it be considered by the relevant panel or working group, the secretariat shall forward the draft recommendation to the relevant panel or working group. The relevant panel or working group shall consider the proposed updated standardized baseline and the draft recommendation at its next meeting, provided it is received at least 14 days before the meeting; otherwise it shall be considered at the meeting after that one.
163. The relevant panel or working group shall finalize its consideration within two meetings, unless it finds that further input from the DNA or guidance from the Board is required. In case further input from the DNA or guidance from the Board is sought, the relevant panel or working group shall finalize its consideration at the meeting immediately following receipt of such input or guidance. In finalizing its consideration, the relevant panel or working group shall conclude to recommend that the proposed updated standardized baseline be either approved or not approved. The secretariat shall forward it as the recommendation to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
164. If the relevant panel or working group finds that further input from the DNA is required, the secretariat shall notify the DNA and the proponent accordingly. In this case, the DNA should submit the requested input within 28 days of the notification. If the DNA does not submit the requested input within the deadline, the secretariat shall suspend processing the submission and ascertain from the DNA whether it wishes that the proposed standardized baseline continue to be considered. The secretariat shall resume processing the submission as soon as it receives the requested input. In any case, if the DNA does not provide the requested input within one year of the initial notification, the submission shall be considered withdrawn.
165. The secretariat shall assess the further input submitted by the DNA. If the secretariat finds that the further input is still not sufficient to recommend that the proposed updated standardized baseline be approved or not approved, the secretariat may initiate a direct communication with the DNA and the proponent via e-mail or telephone conference to clarify remaining issues.
166. The secretariat shall revise the draft recommendation, taking into account the further input and direct communication with the DNA and the proponent, as applicable, to recommend that the proposed updated standardized baseline be either approved or not approved. The

secretariat shall forward the revised draft recommendation to the relevant panel or working group for its final consideration. The relevant panel or working group shall conclude to recommend that the proposed updated standardized baseline be either approved or not approved. The secretariat shall forward it as the recommendation to the Board and make it publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.

#### **8.1.6. Preparation of draft updated standardized baseline**

167. If the draft recommendation is to approve the proposed updated standardized baseline in accordance with paragraphs 158, 163 or 166 above, the secretariat shall, before forwarding it as the recommendation to the Board, reformat the proposed updated standardized baseline and send it to the two selected panel or working group members or to the relevant panel or working group, whichever considered it last. Upon receipt of an agreement on the reformatted updated standardized baseline from the two selected panel or working group members, or from the relevant panel or working group, as applicable, the secretariat shall communicate the reformatted updated standardized baseline to the DNA and the proponent. The DNA shall confirm that it is acceptable or request modifications to it within seven days of receipt. If the DNA does not respond by this deadline, the forwarding of the recommendation to the Board may be delayed accordingly. If the DNA does not accept the reformatted updated standardized baseline and/or requests modification to it in its response, the secretariat shall forward the reformatted updated standardized baseline and the response from the DNA to the two selected panel or working group members, or to the relevant panel or working group, whichever considered the draft recommendation last. In this case, taking into account the response from the DNA, the two selected panel or working group members shall finalize the reformatted updated standardized baseline within seven days of receipt, or the relevant panel or working group shall finalize the reformatted updated standardized baseline at its next meeting, as applicable.

#### **8.1.7. Consideration by the Board**

168. If no member of the Board objects to the recommendation received in accordance with paragraphs 158, 163 or 166 above within 28 days of receipt of the recommendation, the recommended course of action shall be deemed to be the decision adopted by the Board.
169. An objection by a member of the Board shall be made by notifying the Chair of the Board through the secretariat, giving reasons in writing. The secretariat shall acknowledge receipt of the objection and make it available to the Board.
170. If a member of the Board objects to the recommendation more than 14 days prior to the next Board meeting, the case shall be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting; otherwise it shall be placed on the agenda of the Board meeting after that one.
171. If the Board considers the case at its meeting, it shall decide on one of the following courses of action at the meeting:
- (a) Approve the proposed updated standardized baseline;
  - (b) Not approve the proposed updated standardized baseline;
  - (c) Continue the consideration of the proposed baseline at the next Board meeting; or
  - (d) Request a relevant panel or working group to review the recommendation and provide guidance on the issues for the review.

172. Once a decision has been made by the Board, the secretariat shall inform the DNA and the proponent of the decision and any guidance provided by the Board, as applicable, and make the decision and guidance publicly available on the UNFCCC CDM website.
173. If the proposed updated standardized baseline is not approved, the DNA or any other DNA of the Parties for which the updated standardized baseline is being proposed may at any time resubmit a proposed updated standardized baseline with revised documentation. Upon submission of the revised documentation, the submission shall be treated as a new submission of a proposed updated standardized baseline.

## **9. Validity of new, updated and revised standardized baselines**

174. The reference number of an approved new standardized baseline shall indicate the year when the standardized baseline comes into force (e.g. ASB0003-2013). The approved new or revised standardized baseline shall come into force from the date as indicated in the approved new or revised standardized baseline. From this date, a project activity or PoA may apply the approved new or revised standardized baseline for the purpose of publishing a PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, submitting a request for registration, or submitting a request for renewal of the crediting period or PoA period, in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” or “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”. The approved new or revised standardized baseline shall be valid for the period indicated in the approved new or revised standardized baseline. The validity period of a standardized baseline does not change due to a revision.
175. The year indicated in the reference number of an approved standardized baseline shall be replaced by the year when an updated standardized baseline comes into force (e.g. ASB0003-2013 to be replaced by ASB0003-2016) if the Board approves the updated standardized baseline in accordance with paragraph 171(a) above. The version number of the updated standardized baseline shall also be reset to 01.0 (e.g. from 02.1 to 01.0). The updated standardized baseline shall come into force from the date as indicated in the updated standardized baseline for the purpose of publishing a PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, submitting a request for registration, or submitting a request for renewal of the crediting period or PoA period, in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” or “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”. If, after the publication of a PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, the applied standardized baseline has expired and an updated standardized baseline is available at the time of submission of a request for registration or renewal, the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity shall revise the PDD or PoA-DD applying the updated standardized baseline. If, after the publication of the PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, the applied standardized baseline has expired and no valid updated standardized baseline is available at the time of submission of a request for registration or renewal, the project participants or the coordinating/managing entity shall revise the PDD or PoA-DD replacing the standardized baseline with the corresponding parameter values calculated by themselves in accordance with the applied methodology and/or applicable methodological tool. In these cases, the DOE shall not publish the revised PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, but shall submit it when it submits a request for registration unless otherwise decided by the Board when it approves

the updated standardized baseline. The updated standardized baseline shall be valid for the period indicated in the approved updated standardized baseline.

176. If the entry into force of an updated standardized baseline is not immediately after the expiry of its previous version, thus creating a gap period in the validity of the two consecutive versions of the standardized baseline, the project participants and the coordinating/managing entities shall, for the purpose of publishing a PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, submitting a request for registration, or submitting a request for renewal of the crediting period or PoA period, in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” or “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”, choose one of the following options for calculating baseline emissions for such gap period:
- (a) Determine the parameter values in accordance with the applied methodology and/or applicable methodological tool;
  - (b) Use the more conservative value between the previous and the updated standardized baseline.
177. The version number of an approved standardized baseline shall increase by one whole number (e.g. from 01.0 to 02.0) if the Board approves a revised standardized baseline indicating that it is a major revision in accordance with paragraphs 97(a)(i) or 119(a)(i) above. In this case, for the purpose of publishing a PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, submitting a request for registration, or submitting a request for renewal of the crediting period or PoA period in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” or “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”:
- (a) A project activity or PoA may still apply the previous version:
    - (i) Until the 240<sup>th</sup> day from the date when the revised version becomes effective unless the previous version has been put on hold by the Board in accordance with paragraphs 100(a) or 100(b) above, if the remaining validity of the standardized baseline for the current period is longer than this 240-day period; or
    - (ii) Until the validity of the standardized baseline for the current period expires unless the previous version has been put on hold by the Board in accordance with paragraphs 100(a) or 100(b) above, if the remaining validity of the standardized baseline for the current period is not longer than this 240-day period; and
  - (b) A project activity or PoA shall apply the revised version after this 240-day period, or immediately after its adoption if the previous version has been put on hold in accordance with paragraphs 100(a) or 100(b) above, as applicable, for the purpose of publishing a PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, submitting a request for registration, or submitting a request for renewal of the crediting period or PoA period in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” or “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”. If a PDD or PoA-DD applying the previous version has already been published for global stakeholder consultation, the project participants or coordinating/managing entity shall revise the PDD or PoA-DD, applying the revised version. In this case, the DOE shall not publish the revised PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, but submit it when it submits a request for registration unless

otherwise decided by the Board when it approves the revised standardized baseline.

178. The version number of an approved standardized baseline shall increase by one fractional number in the first decimal place (e.g. from 01.0 to 01.1) if the Board approves a revised standardized baseline indicating that it is a minor revision in accordance with paragraphs 97(a)(ii) or 119(a)(ii) above, or if an editorial revision to an approved standardized baseline has been made in accordance with paragraph 121 above. In this case, for the purpose of publishing a PDD or PoA-DD for global stakeholder consultation, submitting a request for registration, or submitting a request for renewal of the crediting period or PoA period in accordance with the “CDM project cycle procedure for project activities” or “CDM project cycle procedure for programmes of activities”, a project activity or PoA may still apply the previous version or any earlier version of minor revision:
- (a) Until the 240<sup>th</sup> day from the date when the next major revision becomes effective unless the previous or earlier version(s) has been put on hold by the Board in accordance with paragraphs 100(a) or 100(b) above, if the remaining validity of the standardized baseline for the current period after the next major revision is longer than this 240-day period; or
  - (b) Until the validity of the standardized baseline for the current period expires unless the previous version has been put on hold by the Board in accordance with paragraphs 100(a) or 100(b) above, if the remaining validity of the standardized baseline after the next major revision is not longer than this 240-day period.

## **Appendix 1. Funding modalities for the preparation of assessment reports for establishing standardized baselines**

1. A designated national authority (DNA) for the clean development mechanism (CDM) may engage a designated operational entity (DOE) to prepare an assessment report using its own resources or with the funding support from the secretariat. The latter is subject to availability of funds.
2. The Executive Board of the CDM shall determine the total amount of funding available for such funding supports and the period for which the funding is made available. The Board may also determine a ceiling on the fund available for the preparation of each assessment report.
3. The secretariat or its contractual partner UN organization (e.g. The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)) will conduct a procurement exercise with eligible and interested DOEs and have a framework contract with the selected DOEs.
4. The DNA that wishes to receive support from the secretariat for the preparation of the assessment report, may request support by submitting a duly completed "Request for funding for assessment report form" to the secretariat.
5. Within 21 days of receipt of the submission from the DNA, the secretariat shall confirm whether the funding is available and whether the submission is complete.
6. If the secretariat finds that the submission is incomplete, it shall accordingly inform the DNA and request it to submit any missing documents or information to the secretariat within 10 days.
7. If the missing documents or information are not submitted within the deadline referred to in paragraph 6 of this appendix, the secretariat shall suspend processing the request for funding until it receives the missing documents or information.
8. Once the submission is considered complete, subject to availability of funds, the secretariat or another UN entity under agreement with the secretariat shall make a contractual arrangement with the DOE.
9. The DOE shall prepare an assessment report according to the timeline agreed.
10. Once the standardized baseline is submitted and considered complete, the secretariat shall make arrangement through its contractual partner to disburse the funds to the DOE.

## **Appendix 2. Principles for the revision and clarification of standardized baselines**

### **1. Background**

1. This appendix provides guiding principles for initiating a revision to an approved standardized baseline and for initiating a (request for) clarification of an approved standardized baseline.

### **2. Principle for revision**

2. A revision is the modification of an approved standardized baseline in order to improve it or broaden its scope and applicability.
3. A revision of an approved standardized baseline may be initiated if one or more of the following conditions apply:
  - (a) New or generally accepted scientific evidence indicates that emission reductions or removal enhancements will be overestimated or underestimated based on the approved standardized baseline or that the reductions or enhancements may not be real, measurable and verifiable;
  - (b) The applicability conditions require broadening to include more potential project activity types or conditions for use;
  - (c) There are identified inconsistencies, errors and/or ambiguities in the language and/or formulae used within the approved standardized baseline;
  - (d) Further simplification (e.g. default values) is required to improve the user-friendliness of the approved standardized baseline;
  - (e) Key issues clarified through a request for clarification of the approved standardized baseline in accordance with section 7 of (the main part of) this procedure are required to be incorporated in the approved standardized baseline;
  - (f) There are changes to the additionality demonstration, baseline and/or baseline emission factors as determined in the approved standardized baseline.

### **3. Principles for clarification**

4. A clarification on an approved standardized baseline is to clarify:
  - (a) The applicability of the approved standardized baseline;
  - (b) Various procedures provided in the approved standardized baseline, inter alia, for identifying the baseline scenario, demonstrating additionality and estimating baseline emission factors; or
  - (c) Monitoring data and procedures provided in the approved standardized baseline.

5. A clarification on an approved standardized baseline may be requested if:
- (a) Any of the provisions of the approved standardized baseline are unclear or ambiguous, and there is room for interpretation of the provisions; and/or
  - (b) Rationale or further background information is needed regarding conditions under which the approved standardized baseline is to be applied.

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