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# **Joint Declaration between the Department for the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communication of the Swiss Confederation on the one part and the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Chile on the other, on Article 6 Cooperation at the local level**

The Swiss Federal Council, the Ministry of Energy, and the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Chile remain firmly committed to the Paris Agreement and its provisions. Furthermore, they are committed to engage in rapid operationalization of the multilateral rules articulated under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement adopted at the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) in Glasgow.

To implement enhanced climate action, the Department for the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communication of the Swiss Confederation and the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Chile, hereinafter “the ministries”, are willing to cooperate on the exploration of options, needs and requirements under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement considering the nature of their nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and their mid-century goals of, respectively, carbon neutrality and net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases. To this end, the ministries recognize the relevance of pilot projects and the sharing of experiences in advancing the understanding and the preparedness required for the proper application of Article 6 rules, modalities, and guidelines.

Acknowledging the importance of early action and the substantive role that local mitigation can play in tackling climate change, the ministries intend, in a first stage, to facilitate the development of specific Article 6 pilots, aimed to benefit local communities, preferably rural, and the decarbonization of the energy matrix.

Through these defined pilots, this Joint Declaration should serve to clarify the role of each institutional actor and the decision-making structure of Article 6. A technical dialogue between the ministries is intended to consider the operationalization of the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement through a bilateral agreement, including the avoidance of double counting of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes (ITMOs), on environmental integrity and on sustainable development. Special attention should be given to:



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- a) the complementarity between the cooperation under Article 6 and the NDC of the transferring country
- b) environmental integrity aspects, such as a conservative baseline setting, the addition of created mitigation outcomes and the respect of national and international environmental regulations, as well as
- c) the promotion and monitoring of sustainable development and the adherence to human rights in the implementation of the cooperation.

The bilateral relations between the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Chile are close and have long been characterized by high mutual esteem. The ministries are thus eager to engage in the technical dialogue that should operationalize a cooperation under the Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

Signed in two copies in English and Spanish.

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