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A reductionist perspective has grabbed hold of the Paris Accords (PA) article 6 negotiations which has led us to set in **“offsetting”** an objective instead of seeking to contribute to the greater ends sought out in the Paris Accord. In this context, the mandate of article 6.4 in regards to achieving the Overall Mitigation in Global Emissions (OMGE) becomes a true challenge with no clear path in sight.

Though carbon markets thus far have been shown to be poorly designed and often times will lead to weakening country NDC's, lessening ambition by effect, we have courted markets as the only means possible in addressing cooperative approaches and sustainable development. It is important to mention that the lack of progress has led to declarations readily admitting that market strategies related to article 6 are not to be seen as a way to raising mitigation and adaptation ambitions when in prior COPs, market gurus often portrayed market mechanisms as a one in all solution to all Party's financial needs.

Such was the excitement of market solutions that we forgot to address country capacities as in so we are still lagging behind **“in country capacity building”** reducing the scope of countries that are to benefit from financial and cooperative mechanisms derived of present day market schemes, a clear indicator that we are far from the **“Leaving no Party Behind”** objective. Market mechanisms thus far have shown all but what they committed too and thus have shown a lack of credibility and reliability, more so in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic which has weakened financial markets and all but have closed the door on them taking off.

Hence, delivering ambition can only be provided through credibility and reliability and thus closing the gap between ambition and meeting long term PA goals. This can be accomplished through serious and effective country commitments which help us not just address financial goals but the continuity of ecosystem services which are due to collapse in the absence of action in meeting the PA 1.5C° goal which is already much higher than the previous Kyoto 1 C° limit.

We must continually remind ourselves that here negotiations don't affect just economic indicators but the livelihoods of billions of lives and thus emissions reductions goals are not probabilities but rather continuity itself for all species.

The overarching effort towards the creation of market schemes has all but crippled the conventions capacity to make way to a more plural approach, one that includes adaptation towards indigenous peoples and or vulnerable populations which still amass a large portion

of the world's population and, as we look back at recent informal consultations ¹ there lies what has already been stated by our delegation in a prior submission "*[...]a number of groups referred to the need to ensure balance and equal progress between all Article 6 instruments, and [...] to the need to explore sustainable governance for the framework for non-market approaches under Article 6.8.*" all but denouncing the abandonment of article 6.8. This plus the text proposal that originated in Madrid all but set aside the NMA a decade at least.

In this we reinstate our commitment to affirm our conviction in multilateral dialogue and in a constructive means ask that NMA be addressed in a proper manner, moving forward with the NMA framework and thus address OMGE from another perspective instead of purely through a market lens that carries differing interpretations that often find that Overall Mitigation in Global Emissions should only act as a partial automatic cancellation mechanism, essentially changing OMGE into a tariff on international transfers, becoming an extreme distortion of its agreed upon nature.

Now if the mechanism of article 6.4 is understood as a NMA, as Bolivia stated, and if we to use the framework NMA strictly or in a complementary manner, this would bring a clear-cut scenario were countries, under robust MRV's, would be reporting towards reaching a common goal which is much more in tune with the Convention goals without all the conflictive views and the distortion being presently created in OMGE.

¹ Co-Chairs' summary of the Presidencies' consultations on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement (cooperative approaches, the mechanism, the framework for non-market approaches)