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Thank you co-chair

We thank the Co-chairs for the Secretariat overview paper

With respect to the last item, "Establishment of cooperation arrangements with relevant IFBs," we would make some suggestions.

Article 50(5)(d) empowers the Secretariat to facilitate cooperation with IFB secretariats.

This will be an important function to pave the way to efficient cooperation mechanisms.

Similarly it empowers the Secretariat to enter into administrative arrangements (with COP approval).

For instance this will ensure that IFBs are notified of consultation opportunities and deadlines. **We suggest this could be stated in the overview paper**

The Secretariat will work together with the Clearing-House Mechanism to disseminate timelines, documents requiring IFB input, and consultations.

The Clearing House Mechanism will also serve as a portal for information sharing with IFBs.

The Mechanism will also coordinate with the IFBs (Art. 51(4)) as well as other IFBs as determined by the COP. **This could also be stated in the overview paper**