# Article 6 Letter of Authorization Template

This template is to assist countries hosting projects certified by the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) to provide Letters of Authorization (LOAs) under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. This authorization by signatory countries to the Paris Agreement (referred to as ‘Parties’) indicates that the mitigation outcomes represented by the Verified Carbon Units (VCUs) issued by Verra may be used for one or more of the specific purposes outlined in the rules for Article 6:

* Use by an acquiring Party towards the achievement of its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)
* ‘International mitigation purposes’ other than NDCs, such as use by airlines under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)
* ‘Other purposes’, such as use towards voluntary emissions pledges in the context of the voluntary carbon market.

Authorization by host Parties is the basis for project proponents to apply for VCUs to receive one or more of the Article 6 Labels. These labels are optional under the VCS Program, as not all uses of VCUs require authorization from host Parties, but the labels are necessary for retirement against certain retirement purposes in the Verra Registry, such as CORSIA.

Where host Parties wish to provide an LOA, they may complete the information called for in this template or may provide a LOA in another format of their choice. Host Parties may wish to consult Verra’s [Article 6 Label Guidance](https://verra.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Article-6-Label-Guidance-Document-final-for-publication.pdf), which includes a list of information to provide in LOAs.

**Instructions for completing the LOA template**

Replace all terms in [square brackets] with appropriate information.

If the project is already listed or registered with the VCS Program, please use Project Names, Project Identifiers and Project URLs. If the project is not yet listed or registered with the VCS program, please include project documents as Annex 2 to the LOA.

In relation to the ‘first transfer conditions’ in Annex 1, please only select one choice for: 10(a), 10(b) or 10(c). For clarity, please delete the other two rows which are not used.

**Template**

**Letter of Authorization**

The [name of the Authority] (“Authority”), as designated to issue authorizations under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on behalf of host Party, a Party to the Paris Agreement, wishes to provide its authorization in relation to the project named [name of project] referred to in Annex 1 and described in the project documentation in Annex 2, received by the Authority on [day/month/year].

The Authority confirms that the project and its greenhouse gas emission reductions and/or removals, referred to here as “mitigation outcomes”, occur within the geographical boundaries of [host Party] and that mitigation outcomes for the project have been, or are expected to be, issued by Verra as Verified Carbon Units (VCUs) under the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS).

The Authority authorizes the use of the mitigation outcomes issued for the project as VCUs, as set out in Annex 1, pursuant to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and decision 2/CMA.3 and other relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).

[Host Party] undertakes, where the relevant first transfer condition for the VCUs set out in Annex 1 is met, to not use the mitigation outcomes represented by the VCUs towards the achievement of its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), by applying and reporting corresponding adjustments in its accounting for Article 6 and its NDC pursuant to relevant decisions adopted by the CMA.

The Authority further agrees that Verra, as the administrator of the VCS, may rely on the provisions of this Letter.

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| Signed by Authority representative |  | Acknowledged by project proponent |
| Name: Title: Date:  |  | Name: Title: Date:  |

**Annex 1– Authorization under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement**

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| 1. Host Party | [Name of host Party] |
| 2. Authority | [Name of the competent authority designated by the host Party to issue authorizations under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement] |
| 3. Authority representative | [Name and title of the person executing the LOA and signing on behalf of the Authority] |
| 4. Authority Contact Information | [Mailing address] |
| [Phone Number] |
| [Email address]  |
| 5. Issuing Program | Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) |
| 6. Project | [Name of the project (VCS Project Name as shown on the Verra Registry, if available)] |
| [VCS Project ID, as shown on the Verra Registry, if available] |
| 7. Project Link | [URL to the project entry on the Verra Registry, if available] |
| 8. Project location | [Address, including municipality and province/state] |
| 9. Authorized uses | [ ]  All usesOR select one or more of the following:[ ]  NDC use[ ]  International mitigation purposes (e.g., CORSIA)[ ]  Other purposes (e.g., voluntary action) |
| 10(a). First transfer conditionIf ‘all uses’ is selected, or if several uses including NDC use are selected (delete row if not applicable) | [ ]  First international transfer |
| 10(b). First transfer conditionIf only ‘NDC use’ is selected (delete row if not applicable) | [ ]  First international transfer |
| 10(c). First transfer conditionIf ‘international mitigation purposes’ or ‘other purposes’ are selected individually, with no selection of NDC use (delete row if not applicable) | Select only one of the following:[ ]  Authorization (issuance of this Letter)[ ]  Issuance of the VCUs on the Verra Registry[ ]  Retirement of the VCUs on the Verra Registry |

**Annex 2 – Project Documents for Projects not on the Verra Registry [Optional]**