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<b>Abstract</b>	
<p>This document contains the first draft prepared by the SIOFA Performance Review Panel in accordance with the Performance Review Terms of Reference adopted by the Meeting of the Parties for this process in 2022. The ToRs stipulate in paragraphs 21-22 that the Panel's Report shall be considered first by the Scientific Committee and the Compliance Committee which in turn will report to the Meeting of the Parties the results of their discussions.</p> <p>According to the said ToRs paragraph 16, the Panel's Report is to be submitted to the Chairperson of the Meeting of the Parties and the Secretariat no less than 60 days in advance of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties.</p> <p>Due to the Scientific Committee's scheduling, and also to the time available to the Panel to conduct its Review, the Panel is at this time submitting a draft, partial Report. It presents only stage 1 of the review process, essentially focused in fact-finding. Assessment and recommendations are to follow in stages 2 and 3 for each section of it, and will be finalised by the Panel with a view to the formal submission of a final Performance Review Report at the stipulated deadline. The cover note submitted with the draft Report by the Panel provides more detail in this respect.</p> <p>The draft Report's structure follows the set of assessment criteria adopted by the Meeting of the Parties for this Review.</p>	

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As indicated in the cover note to the draft Report, the Panel considers that the Review process will in fact benefit greatly from support from the Scientific Committee at this stage, so that when the Panel undertakes to draft an assessment section for each of the criteria, a reliable and robust factual basis can be counted on. For this reason, this draft may be modified by the Panel at a later stage to take into account the feedback provided by the Scientific Committee on it.

The draft Report not being a final document, it cannot be taken or quoted as representing the views or positions of the Review Panel and should not be made public either in full or in part, lest this creates a risk for the independent conduct of the Review Process to completion.



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