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Committee on Sustainable Energy

Expert Group on Resource Classification
Sixth session

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Item 23 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations

Draft Conclusions and Recommendations arising from the Expert Group on Resource Classification Sixth Session^{1,2}

Draft for discussion

Agenda item 2: Election of Officers

1. The Expert Group recommended that the Chair of the Technical Advisory Group join the Bureau as an observer.

Agenda item 7: Technical Advisory Group

2. The Expert Group recommended that work should start on the first update of UNFC-2009 and requested the Bureau in cooperation with the Technical Advisory Group to prepare an overview of proposed additions and/or modifications to UNFC-2009 incorporating Specifications for its Application for review by the Seventh Session of the Expert Group.

3. The Expert Group recommended that a formal mechanism be established with CRIRSCO and SPE to ensure that the Expert Group and the Bureau is able to monitor and discuss any potential revisions being considered with regard to planned updates to the CRIRSCO Template and PRMS.

4. The Expert Group recommended that the Terms of Reference for the Technical Advisory Group remain unchanged. The Expert Group concluded that the production of case studies and designation as primary presenters at conferences and workshops should not be viewed as being solely assigned to the Technical Advisory Group and recommended that the Technical Advisory Group, together with Bureau and other Expert Group members, should share these assignments on an “as available basis”.

¹ It is proposed that the draft conclusions and recommendations be reviewed by the Expert Group on screen after each agenda item and updated as needed.

² These draft conclusions and recommendations were developed by the Bureau of the Expert Group and are not intended in any way to prejudice the discussions at the Sixth Session, but rather to provide a draft text which will be updated as the meeting progresses.

Agenda item 8: Generic specifications for UNFC-2009

5. The Expert Group recommended that abbreviation of the G axis to Geological knowledge should be avoided and the full name “Geological knowledge and potential recoverability” be used wherever and whenever possible.
6. The Expert Group recommended that the current title of the F axis “field project status and feasibility” be replaced in future documents, including slide presentations, by “feasibility and project status”.
7. The Expert Group recommended that the Bureau prepare a short guidance note on the use of Competent Person and its relationship with UNFC-2009 and that this be made available on the UNECE website as soon as practicable.

Agenda item 9: Application of UNFC-2009 to solid minerals

8. The Expert Group recommended that the revised Bridging Document between the CRIRSCO Template and UNFC-2009 be accepted without amendment (EGRC-6/2015/INF.3) The Expert Group further recommended that the revised Bridging Document be made available on the UNECE website and included in the next revision of UNFC-2009 incorporating Specifications for its Application.
9. The Expert Group recommended that the Technical Advisory Group assist the relevant Chinese authorities to develop a mapping/bridging document between (i) the China Mineral Reserves and Resources Classification System (CMRRCS) and UNFC-2009, and (ii) the Chinese Petroleum Resources/Reserves Classification System and UNFC-2009. Assistance should also be given on the development of a bridging document between the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook (COGEH) and UNFC-2009.

Agenda item 10: Application of UNFC-2009 to petroleum

10. The Expert Group recommended the Technical Advisory Group to continue its work to update the mapping between UNFC-2009 and the new classification system of the Russian Federation for petroleum of 2013 and to assist the State Commission on Mineral Resources of the Russian Federation to develop a draft bridging document for review by the Expert Group at its seventh session.

Agenda item 11: Application of UNFC-2009 to nuclear fuel resources

11. The Expert Group recommended that the draft Guidelines on Application of UNFC-2009 to uranium and thorium projects be updated in the light of the comments made during the meeting and issued as a publication before end-2015. The Task Force on Application of UNFC-2009 to Nuclear Fuel Resources should continue and its work should focus on updating the Guidelines and development of case studies.

Agenda item 12: Application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources

12. The Expert Group recommended that the draft generic specifications for application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources be accepted and made available on the UNECE website as a draft document. The Expert Group recommended that the Task Force on Application of UNFC-2009 to Renewable Energy Resources propose any updates to the

generic specifications that may be needed as a result of the development of the commodity-specific specifications.

13. The Expert Group requested the Task Force to prepare draft commodity specific-specifications for geothermal for review at the seventh session and draft commodity specific-specifications for bioenergy for review at the eighth session.

Agenda item 13: Use of UNFC-2009 for classifying injection projects

14. The Expert Group recommended that the Task Force on UNFC and Recipient Reservoirs update the draft specifications in the light of the comments made at the meeting and issue them for public comment. A revised text should be submitted to the seventh session.

Agenda item 14: Other potential applications of UNFC-2009

15. The Expert Group recommended that the applicability of UNFC-2009 to landfill mining not be pursued at this time, noting that further research is needed to define specific, quantifiable criteria for categorizing various kinds of anthropogenic resources under UNFC-2009 that would allow for fair comparisons between naturally occurring and anthropogenic resource deposits.

Agenda item 15: Case studies and testing of UNFC-2009

16. The Expert Group recommended that the eight case studies on application of UNFC-2009 to uranium and thorium projects be issued as an electronic UNECE publication by December 2015.

17. The Expert Group further recommended that a database of UNFC-2009 case studies be prepared and made available on the ECE website.

Agenda item 16: UNFC-2009 E axis – environmental and social considerations

18. The Expert Group recommended that the Terms of Reference for the E-axis Sub-Group as contained in informal document EGRC-6/2015/INF.7 dated 13 April 2015 be approved without amendment.

Agenda item 17: Education and outreach

19. The Expert Group agreed that an educational and training session on UNFC-2009 should be organized on the first day of the seventh session.

Agenda item 18: Resourcing strategy for the Expert Group

20. The Expert Group recommended that the Bureau develop the resourcing strategy further and identify potential donors.

Agenda item 19: Update on financial reporting

21. The Expert Group recommended the Bureau to continue to monitor developments related to financial analyses and capital allocation and to update the seventh session accordingly.

Agenda item 20: Work plan for 2016 –2017

22. The Expert Group recommended that the draft Work Plan for 2016–2017 be submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for endorsement and to the Executive Committee for subsequent approval.

Agenda item 21: Other Business

23. Following discussion and careful review and in the light of the expanded scope of application of UNFC-2009, the Expert Group agreed that its seventh session needs to be held over four days, including an educational and training session on UNFC-2009, but with the option for the total number of days to be reduced subject to the agenda items required.

Agenda item 23: Report of the meeting

24. The report of the meeting was adopted subject to any necessary editing and formatting.
