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Solicitation of Comments on the Draft Specifications for Application of UNFC to Solar Energy

The UNECE Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM) is pleased to present for public comment the draft document “Specifications for the application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) to Solar Energy”. Growing awareness and interest in renewable energy resources, including solar energy, has highlighted a need to standardize how renewable energy potential is classified and reported. Consistent reporting of solar energy will aid policy formulation, national and corporate resources management and provide a comparable basis for financing energy projects.

The inclusion of Solar Energy Specifications within UNFC will facilitate the appreciation of the potential role that solar energy in particular, and renewable energy in general, could play in the energy sector. The draft specifications provide definitions and descriptions of key concepts and resource categories and aims to clarify how the UNFC principles and the generic renewable energy specifications could be applied to solar energy. Rules for applying UNFC to solar energy, including the workflow for estimating and classifying solar projects, consideration of risk and use in national and regional estimates are also provided in the documentation.

The public comment period will be open from 1 July until 30 August 2019. Comments may be provided via e-mail and all comments will be posted to the UNECE website. Full details are available on the UNECE website at: www.unece.org/energy/se/reserves.html.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the members of the EGRM Solar Energy Sub-group for their efforts in preparing the Specifications and Mr. Jeremy Webb is thanked for leading this initiative as Chair of the Sub-group. Appreciation is also extended to the Renewable Energy Working Group for its oversight of this work under Mr. Frank Denelle’s leadership.

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