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### **Solicitation of Comments on the Draft Specifications for the Application of UNFC-2009 to Bioenergy Energy Resources**

The UNECE Expert Group on Resource Classification is pleased to present for public comment the draft document “Specifications for the Application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) to Bioenergy Resources”.

The intended use of the specifications is in conjunction with UNFC and the Specifications for the Application of UNFC to Renewable Energy Resources (Renewables Specifications). The Renewables Specifications represent ‘rules of application’ of UNFC-2009 to Renewable Energy Resources, while the specifications issued for public comment represent ‘rules of application’ of UNFC to Bioenergy Resources, via the Renewables Specifications. Growing awareness and interest in renewable energy has highlighted a need to harmonize the way in which renewable energy potential is reported. Investors, regulators, governments and consumers will benefit from a common comparison framework for both renewable and non-renewable energy resources to assess energy sustainability scenarios at project, company, country, region or world levels. With no globally agreed bioenergy resource classification standards, guidelines or codes existing prior to the development of these specifications, the inclusion of bioenergy energy within UNFC will improve global communication in the bioenergy sector as part of the larger energy sector. To facilitate the understanding of the specifications, five case studies are also provided separately.

UNFC is applicable to all energy and mineral activities worldwide (including coal, gas, oil, uranium and injection projects). Significant progress has been made to broaden application to encompass renewable energy with the initial focus on geothermal and bioenergy. Work is progressing on solar, hydro and wind. Specifications for anthropogenic resources are also under development.

It should be noted that the draft Bioenergy Specifications have been prepared as the basis for public comment in order to receive input from all stakeholders to ensure development of a robust set of specifications that could be used by governments, regulators, industry and financiers. The public comment period will run from 24 May until 23 July 2017. Comments may be provided online or via e-mail. Full details are available on the UNECE website at: [www.unece.org/energy/se/reserves.html](http://www.unece.org/energy/se/reserves.html).

Sincere appreciation is extended to the members of the Bioenergy Sub-group for their efforts in preparing the Bioenergy Specifications.

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