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Solicitation of Comments on the Draft Bridging Document between the Oil and Fuel Gas Reserves and Resources Classification of the Russian Federation of 2013 and UNFC-2009

The UNECE Expert Group on Resource Classification (EGRC) is pleased to present for public comment the draft “Bridging Document between the Oil and Fuel Gas Reserves and Resources Classification of the Russian Federation of 2013 and the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 (UNFC-2009)”. The document was prepared by the Russian Federation State Committee on Mineral Reserves (GKZ) in cooperation with the Technical Advisory Group, which is a sub-group of the EGRC.

The 2013 Russian Federation Classification of reserves of oil and combustible gases came into effect on 1 January 2016. It establishes unified guidance regarding the Russian Federation principles for assessment and state accounting of reserves and resources of oil, combustible gases and gas condensate.

Bridging Documents explain the relationship between UNFC-2009 and another classification system that has been endorsed by the EGRC as an Aligned System. They incorporate instructions and guidelines on how to classify estimates generated by application of that Aligned System using the UNFC-2009 Numerical Codes. The relevant Bridging Document needs to be identified when reporting estimates using the UNFC-2009 Numerical Codes. This draft Bridging Document compares the reserves and resources by categories of the Russian Federation Classification to the categories and classes of UNFC-2009.

UNFC-2009 is applicable to all extractive activities worldwide (including coal, gas, oil and uranium). Significant progress has been made to broaden application to encompass renewable energy with the initial focus on geothermal and bioenergy. Work is now starting on hydro, solar and wind.

The draft Bridging Document is issued for public comment in order to receive input from all stakeholders to ensure development of a robust document. The public comment period will run from 14 June until 14 August 2016. Comments may be provided via e-mail or mail. Full details are available on the UNECE website at: www.unece.org/energy/se/reserves.html.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the State Committee on Mineral Reserves of the Russian Federation and the members of the EGRC Technical Advisory Group for their efforts in preparing this draft Bridging Document.

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