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### Committee on Sustainable Energy

#### Expert Group on Resource Classification

##### Seventh session

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 26 April 2016<sup>1</sup>

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2. Election of Officers.
3. Workshop on the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009.
4. Opening remarks.
5. Introduction of participants.
6. Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and any matters for consideration by the Expert Group on Resource Classification.

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<sup>1</sup> Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations need to either register online or complete the registration form posted to the website of the ECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36110>) and transmit it to the ECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session, either by e-mail ([reserves.energy@unece.org](mailto:reserves.energy@unece.org)) or fax (+41 22 917 0038). Prior to the session, delegates are requested to present themselves, at least 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting, at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix opposite the Red Cross Building (see the map on the Energy Division's website) for the issuance of an identification badge. Registration is open every work day at the Pregny Gate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The secretariat can be contacted by telephone (extension 71499 or 71988).



7. Work plan for 2013–2015 and for 2016–2017.
8. Governance of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009.
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17. Case studies and testing of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009.
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22. The role of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and combatting climate change.
23. Cooperation with other organizations.
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26. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **Item 1: Adoption of the agenda**

1. In accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. The documents for the session will be published on the ECE Sustainable Energy Division website<sup>2</sup> as soon as they become available. A detailed timetable for the session will be posted to the Sustainable Energy Division website.

### **Item 2: Election of Officers**

3. The Expert Group will elect a Bureau to take over with effect from the close of the seventh session for a period of two years.

### **Item 3: Workshop on the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009**

4. A workshop on the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 (UNFC-2009) will be held on 26 April. Presentations will provide a comprehensive explanation of UNFC-2009 and how it works in practice, as well as an overview of the Expert Group and its activities. This event is intended for newcomers to the Expert Group and those members of the Expert Group wishing to deliver presentations on UNFC-2009 at future conferences and workshops.

### **Item 4: Opening remarks**

5. Opening remarks will be delivered, including on the status of the development of UNFC-2009 and how this classification system can help the world cope with volatile energy commodity prices.

### **Item 5: Introduction of participants**

6. Participants will be invited to introduce themselves briefly.

### **Item 6: Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and any matters for consideration by the Expert Group on Resource Classification**

7. The secretariat will provide an overview of recent activities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy following its twenty-fourth session in November 2015, as well as any decisions taken related to the work of the Expert Group, including endorsement of the work plan of the Expert Group for 2016–2017. The Committee is the parent body of the Expert Group.

### **Item 7: Work plan for 2013–2015 and for 2016–2017**

8. The Expert Group will discuss the implementation of its work plan for 2013–2015 and plans for the implementation of its work plan for 2016–2017.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36110>

**Item 8: Governance of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009**

9. The Expert Group will be briefed on the activities of the Technical Advisory Group since the sixth session, including its recommendations to the Bureau of the Expert Group.

10. The Expert Group will review progress made on:

(a) The guidance note on the application and use of the G-axis name, category definitions and supporting explanations in the light of its expanded use by the renewables sector.

(b) The guidance note on the need for and responsibilities of a Competent Person or Persons with regard to UNFC-2009.

(c) The guidance note on the definition of a project in relation to UNFC-2009 (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/3).

**Item 9: Generic specifications for the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009**

11. The Expert Group is tasked to ensure testing, review, ongoing maintenance and periodic updating of UNFC-2009 and the generic specifications for its application.

12. The Expert Group will review and discuss possible modifications to UNFC-2009.

13. The draft bridging document between the Oil and Fuel Gas Reserves and Resources Classification of the Russian Federation of 2013 and UNFC-2009 will be presented (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/4).

14. An update of the status of relevant UNFC-2009 mapping and bridging documents, including to the Chinese petroleum classification system and the China Mineral Reserves and Resources Classification System (CMRRCS), will be presented.

**Item 10: Application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 to solid minerals**

15. The Expert Group will discuss progress and any challenges in applying UNFC-2009 to solid minerals.

16. An update on the status of the Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards (CRIRSCO) Template of 2013 will be provided, as well as any planned updates.

**Item 11: Application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 to petroleum**

17. The Expert Group will discuss progress and any challenges in applying UNFC-2009 to petroleum.

18. An update on the status of the Petroleum Resources Management System (PRMS) will be provided, as well as any planned updates.

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**Item 12: Application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 to nuclear fuel resources**

19. The Expert Group will be briefed on the endorsement of the Guidelines for the Application of UNFC-2009 to uranium and thorium resources by the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its twenty-fourth session.

20. Feedback on use of the Bridging Document between the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA)/IAEA Uranium Classification and UNFC-2009 will be provided.

21. The Task Force on Application of UNFC-2009 to Nuclear Fuel Resources will present an update on its work, including on development of a handbook of good practices for application of UNFC-2009 for uranium and thorium resource management.

**Item 13: Application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 to renewable energy resources**

22. An update on the work of the Task Force on the Application of UNFC-2009 to Renewable Energy Resources will be provided. In the light of the development of the commodity-specific specifications, any proposed revisions to the draft generic specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources will be presented (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/5). The Expert Group will review and discuss the information provided and make a recommendation on whether the draft generic specifications should be submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for endorsement.

23. The draft specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to geothermal will be presented by the Geothermal Working Group (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/6). The Expert Group will review and discuss the information provided and make a recommendation on whether the draft specifications should be submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for endorsement.

24. Progress on the development of draft specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to bioenergy will be presented by the Bioenergy Working Group.

25. The Expert Group will discuss the information provided.

**Item 14: Use of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 for classifying injection projects**

26. The revised draft Specifications for the Application of UNFC-2009 to Injection Projects for the Purpose of Geological Storage of CO<sub>2</sub> developed by the Task Force on UNFC and Recipient Reservoirs will be presented (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/7). Details of how the comments received during the public comment period held in 2015 were dealt with will also be presented.

27. The Expert Group will review and discuss the information provided and make a recommendation on whether the draft specifications should be submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for endorsement.

**Item 15: Other potential applications of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009**

28. The Work Plan for 2016–2017 notes that upon request the Expert Group will explore and develop other applications of UNFC-2009, provided such work does not compromise the Expert Group's ability to fulfil its other obligations.

29. The Expert Group will be briefed on the Mining the European Anthroposphere (MINEA) project, as well as work to classify anthropogenic resources. The Expert Group will review the information provided and recommend or otherwise any future work in this area. The Expert Group will review and discuss any other applications proposed for consideration.

**Item 16: Accommodating environmental and social considerations in the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009**

30. The draft document on accommodating environmental and social considerations in UNFC-2009 and the Specifications for its Application will be presented by the E-axis Sub-group (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/8).

31. The Expert Group will discuss the information provided and recommend any modifications.

**Item 17: Case studies and testing of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009**

32. The Expert Group is mandated to invite and facilitate development of case studies, in particular case studies demonstrating how a UNFC-2009 inventory is built, and how they may be used for: international energy and mineral policy formulation; Government resource management; industry business process management; and, financial analyses and capital allocation.

33. The Expert Group will review and discuss case studies and other information provided. Case studies to be presented include application of UNFC-2009 to uranium and thorium projects (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/9), (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/10, (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/11).

**Item 18: Education and outreach**

34. The Communications Sub-Committee is tasked to develop and implement a communications and education strategy to ensure that opportunities to promote UNFC-2009 globally are maximized. The strategy is intended to ensure delivery of a consistent message on UNFC-2009 at conferences and workshops, as well as in articles and technical papers.

35. The current activities and future work plans of the Communications Sub-Committee will be presented to the Expert Group.

36. The Expert Group will review and discuss the events and workshops held in 2015 and 2016 to promote and educate on UNFC-2009.

37. The Expert Group will review any projects, articles and planned events in 2016 and 2017 to promote, educate on and/or test UNFC-2009.

38. Feedback on the revised standardized training material on UNFC-2009 presented at the Train the Trainers Workshop held in conjunction with the seventh session will be presented.

### **Item 19: Resourcing Strategy for the Expert Group on Resource Classification**

39. The resourcing strategy developed by the Bureau of the Expert Group, together with an estimated funding requirement, will be presented. The Expert Group will discuss the information provided, including potential donors and recommend any future activities in this area.

### **Item 20: Financial reporting**

40. An update on financial reporting issues of relevance to the Expert Group will be presented and discussed.

41. Potential implications for the Expert Group and its stakeholders on the issues discussed will be reviewed and recommendations made on any future action.

### **Item 21: System of Environmental-Economic Accounting and the International Recommendations for Energy Statistics**

42. The Expert Group will receive an update on the inclusion of UNFC-2009 in the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) 2012 Central Framework<sup>3</sup> and the International Recommendations for Energy Statistics (IRES).

43. The Expert Group will discuss any implications for UNFC-2009, as well the Expert Group's relationship with the United Nations Statistics Division.

### **Item 22. The role of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and combatting climate change**

44. The Expert Group will consider how UNFC-2009 helps to implement the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals that were formally adopted together with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on 25 September 2015 by the 193-member United Nations General Assembly.

45. The Expert Group will also consider how implementation of UNFC-2009 can assist to deliver on the commitments made at the twenty-first Conference of the Parties (COP 21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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<sup>3</sup> [http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/seeaRev/SEEA\\_CF\\_Final\\_en.pdf](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/seeaRev/SEEA_CF_Final_en.pdf)

**Item 23: Cooperation with other organizations**

46. The Expert Group will discuss its cooperation with other organizations, including the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), with a view to achieving synergies and complementarity of efforts and to avoid overlap and duplication.

**Item 24: Other business**

47. The Expert Group may discuss any other pertinent issues that arise before or during the session, and that fall within the scope of the terms of reference of the Expert Group. Delegations are encouraged to notify the secretariat and the Chair in advance if they wish to raise any issues under this agenda item.

48. The Expert Group will discuss the dates for the eighth session of the Expert Group to be held in Geneva in 2017.

**Item 25: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations**

49. The Expert Group will be invited to adopt conclusions and recommendations as may be agreed.

50. Where possible the draft conclusions and recommendations will be circulated to participants and Geneva Permanent Representations at least ten days before the start of the meeting.

**Item 26: Adoption of the report and close of the meeting**

51. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will sum up the agreed conclusions and recommendations. The Expert Group will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat in close cooperation with the Bureau, following which the Chair will close the meeting.

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