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Committee on Sustainable Energy

**Expert Group on Resource Classification**  
**Seventh session**

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Item 25 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations**

**Draft Conclusions and Recommendations arising from the Expert Group on Resource Classification Seventh Session<sup>1, 2</sup>**

**Draft for discussion**

**Agenda item 2: Election of Officers**

1. The Expert Group elected a Bureau to take over from the end of the seventh session for a term of two years. The Bureau comprises: ...

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

2. Following a detailed review, the Expert Group noted that it had delivered on its work plan for 2013–2015.

**Agenda item 8: Governance of UNFC-2009**

3. The Expert Group recommended to accept the text of the Guidance Note to support the UNFC-2009 Definition of a Project (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/3) without amendment and requested it to be posted to the UNFC website.

4. The Expert Group recommended to accept the text of the Guidance Note on the need for and responsibilities of a Competent Person(s) with respect to UNFC-2009 (as contained in room document EGRC-7/2015/INF.5 dated xx April 2016) without amendment and requested it to be posted to the UNECE website. The Expert Group further requested that the Guidance Note be submitted as an official document for the eighth session.

5. The Expert Group noted that significant clarifications had been added to the draft generic specifications for application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/5) in order to facilitate appropriate interpretation of the G axis for renewable energy sources. The Expert Group requested that recommendations for possible future changes to the G axis name, category definitions and supporting explanations be submitted to the eighth session.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 seventh session, but rather to provide a draft text that will be updated as the meeting progresses.

6. The Expert Group concluded that an update of UNFC-2009 should be prepared for release in 2018 and requested the Bureau to establish a sub-group/task force to take responsibility for preparing a first revised draft (with the Technical Advisory Group kept informed on an ongoing basis).

**Agenda item 9: Generic specifications for UNFC-2009**

7. Following review, the Expert Group recommended that the draft bridging document between the Oil and Fuel Gas Reserves and Resources Classification of the Russian Federation of 2013 and UNFC-2009 (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/4) be updated to reflect the comments received and submitted as an official document for the eighth session.

8. The Expert Group recommended that draft bridging documents between the Chinese petroleum classification system and the China Mineral Reserves and Resources Classification System (CMRRCS) and UNFC-2009 be prepared and submitted as official documents for the eighth session.

**Agenda item 10: Application of UNFC-2009 to solid minerals**

9. In view of the update of the CRIRSCO Template of 2013 currently being undertaken, the Expert Group requested that the CRIRSCO representative keep the Bureau fully informed of possible changes to the Template. The Expert Group further requested the Technical Advisory Group to review all proposed changes and prepare a recommendation on the possible need to revise the Bridging Document between the CRIRSCO Template and UNFC-2009 to be submitted to the eighth session.

**Agenda item 11: Application of UNFC-2009 to petroleum**

10. In view of the update of the Petroleum Resources Management System (PRMS) currently being undertaken, the Expert Group requested that the SPE representative keep the Bureau fully informed of possible changes to the system. The Expert Group further requested the Technical Advisory Group to review all proposed changes and prepare a recommendation on the possible need for a revised Bridging Document between PRMS and UNFC-2009 to be submitted to the eighth session.

**Agenda item 12: Application of UNFC-2009 to nuclear fuel resources**

11. The Expert Group recommended that the Task Force on Application of UNFC-2009 to Nuclear Fuel Resources present the draft handbook of good practices for application of UNFC-2009 for uranium and thorium resource management to the eighth session.

**Agenda item 13: Application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources**

12. The Expert Group accepted the revised draft generic specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/5) and recommended they be submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for endorsement.

13. The Expert Group requested that the draft specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to geothermal (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/6) be issued for public comment. Following the public comment, the document approval procedure agreed at the fifth session of the Expert Group should be followed (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2014/2, para 97).

14. The Expert Group requested the Task Force to prepare draft commodity specific-specifications for bioenergy for review at the eighth session. The Expert Group further requested the Task Force to start work on development of draft commodity-specific specifications for solar, wind and hydro.

15. The Expert Group requested the Task Force to cooperate with IRENA, IEA, REN21 and other organizations and associations working on renewables, including the UNECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energy.

**Agenda item 14: Use of UNFC-2009 for classifying injection projects**

16. The Expert Group recommended that the revised draft specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to injection projects for the purpose of geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub> (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2016/7) be accepted and submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for endorsement.

**Agenda item 15: Other potential applications of UNFC-2009**

17. The Expert Group recommended that, subject to volunteers being identified, a small sub-group be established to explore the applicability of UNFC-2009 to landfill mining and to report its findings to the eighth session.

18. The Expert Group recommended that the Bureau monitor the COST ‘Mining the European Anthroposphere (MINEA)’ Project and any implications for UNFC-2009, in particular in relation to mine tailings and provide an update to the eighth session.

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

19. The Expert Group concluded that the E axis Sub-group should continue and requested it to prepare a Guidance Note comprising high-level guidance on accommodating social and environmental considerations in UNFC-2009 for presentation to the Expert Group at its eighth session. In addition, the Sub-group should document any recommendations for modifications to UNFC-2009 in relation to the high level guidance.

**Agenda item 17: Case studies and testing of UNFC-2009**

20. The Expert Group requested that case studies on application of UNFC-2009 to all extractive activities and renewables be prepared and presented to the Expert Group at its eighth session.

**Agenda item 18: Education and outreach**

21. The Expert Group recommended that an educational and training session on UNFC-2009 be organized on the first day of the eighth session.

**Agenda item 19: Resourcing strategy for the Expert Group**

22. The Expert Group endorsed the resourcing strategy (as contained in room document EGRC-7/2016/INF.3 dated xx April 2016), requested that it be presented to potential donors, and further requested the Bureau to provide an update at the eighth session.

**Agenda item 20: Update on financial reporting**

23. The Expert Group recommended the Bureau to continue to monitor developments related to global financial reporting standards and to update the eighth session accordingly.

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

24. The Expert Group concluded that cooperation with the United Nations Statistics Division and OECD should be strengthened in relation to their use of UNFC-2009.

**Agenda Item 22: The role of UNFC-2009 in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and combatting climate change**

25. The Expert Group requested the Communications Sub-Committee to develop a leaflet and an area on the UNECE website highlighting the role of UNFC-2009 in implementing the SDGs and mitigating climate change.

**Agenda Item 23: Cooperation with other organizations**

26. The Expert Group requested the Bureau to cooperate closely with ISO to ensure synergies and complementarity of efforts between ISO and the Expert Group so as to avoid overlap and duplication.

**Agenda item 24: Other Business**

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

28. The Group of Experts requested to the Committee on Sustainable Energy that its annual sessions be supported by parliamentary documents and reports as needed in relation to the implementation of the 2016–2017 work plan. The Group of Experts recommended to the Committee on Sustainable Energy that the secretariat be invited to continue supporting its work by, inter alia, the following: organizing planned work plan activities, preparing formal documentation required for the development, approval, implementation and reporting of work plan activities, including the translation of official documents in the three official ECE languages (English, French, Russian) to service the Group of Experts' meetings.

**Agenda item 26: Adoption of the report and close of the meeting**

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

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