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Solicitation of Comments on the Draft UNFC Supplemental Specifications for Minerals Projects

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM) is pleased to present for public comment the draft document “Draft United Nations Framework Classification for Resources Supplemental Specifications for Minerals Projects”.

Consistent reporting of mineral resources will aid policy formulation, national and corporate resource management and financial reporting aligned to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda). The United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) is a global system used by countries, companies, and individuals to manage and report energy, raw material resources, and geological storage. Establishing a complete picture of the current and future supply base of energy and raw materials is necessary for effective and sustainable resource management and policy development. With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in 2015, sustainable resource management has become an imperative for balanced development of the planet’s resources. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) require energy and raw materials for their timely realization whilst ensuring sustainable production and consumption. UNFC offers clarity in capturing the technical feasibility and addressing social and environmental issues that could impede a project.

The public comment period will be open until 14 July 2021. Comments may be provided via email (reserves.energy@un.org). All comments will be posted to the UNECE website. Full details of this public consultation are available on the UNECE website at: <https://unece.org/sustainable-energy/unfc-and-sustainable-resource-management>.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Chair and members of the EGRM Minerals Working Group for their efforts in preparing the supplemental specifications.

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