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Solicitation of Comments on the Draft UNFC Supplemental Specifications for Groundwater Resources

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 Groundwater Resources”.

Effective reporting of groundwater resources is crucial for policy formulation, resource management, and decision-making that aligns with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) is a global system countries and practitioners use to manage various resources. UNFC is designed to apply to all resource projects to enhance resource management and enable better-informed decisions. Its generic specifications are intended to standardize resource project reporting and quantity across diverse resource types. However, each resource has its community of professionals with their definitions and standards. This Supplemental Specifications for Groundwater Resources document is intended to provide groundwater practitioners with technical guidance on how to apply UNFC to groundwater resource projects. The audience for these specifications is resource managers and groundwater professionals with appropriate expertise and relevant experience in groundwater project operations, as well as in groundwater quantity and quality estimation.

The public comment period will be open until 31 December 2023. 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/sustainable-resource-management>.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the EGRM Groundwater Resources Working Group members for their efforts in preparing the supplemental specifications.

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