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Geneva, 25-27 March 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 25 March 2009*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Election of Officers
3. Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and any matters for consideration by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts
4. Opening remarks from the Chairperson

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the website of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/energy/>), and transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session – namely, by **10 March 2009** – either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail (catherine.pierre@unece.org). Prior to the session, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG 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 at least one and a half hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (internal extension 74140).

5. Recommendations on revision of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources (UNFC)

Consideration of recommendations:

- (a) to revise the UNFC of 2004
- (b) with respect to the complementary texts to the UNFC, and
- (c) with respect to governance of the UNFC

6. International Accounting Standards Board's Research Project on Extractive Activities

7. United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)/London and Oslo City Groups' specifications for national energy statistics

8. InterEnerStat Initiative led by the International Energy Agency on the definitions of energy flows and products

9. Classification of recipient reservoirs

10. Possible implications of agenda items 5 to 9 on the UNFC and any texts to be developed or adopted to supplement the UNFC

11. Work of the International Energy Forum as it may relate to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

12. Case studies reflecting the potential application of the revised UNFC in the areas of:

- (a) Energy and mineral studies
- (b) Government resource management
- (c) Business process management
- (d) Financial reporting.

13. Review of the programme of work for 2009/2010

14. Other business

15. Adoption of the report of the meeting

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2009/1 – Annotated provisional agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The documents for the session will be posted on the

UNECE website as soon as they become available, at the following address:
<http://www.unece.org/energy/se/docs/spf6.html>.

Item 2: Election of Officers

2. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts should elect a Bureau or confirm/re-elect the existing Bureau.

Item 3: Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and any matters for consideration by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

3. The secretariat will provide an overview of recent activities within the work programme of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (ECE/ENERGY/78) following its seventeenth session in November 2008, with particular emphasis on any decisions taken with regard to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

Item 4: Opening remarks from the Chairperson

4. The Chair will deliver opening remarks to the meeting.

Item 5: Recommendations on revision of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources

Consideration of recommendations:

- (a) to revise the UNFC of 2004;
- (b) with respect to the complementary texts to the UNFC, and;
- (c) with respect to governance of the UNFC

5. At its fifth session, the Ad Hoc Group of Experts requested the Bureau (i) to prepare any proposed changes to the UNFC through a due and transparent process, including by posting a draft text on the UNECE website for public comment over a sufficient period of time; (ii) that any proposals, comments and/or recommendations to be submitted to the Extended Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Energy should be published on the UNECE website; and (iii) to define an appropriate timeline, taking into consideration the guidance of the Director of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2008/2, paragraph 18(e)).

6. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts additionally requested the Bureau to prepare a discussion paper on Specifications (secondary rules) based on the Mapping Task Force Report and the discussions at the fifth session, including the discussions on the needs of applications pertaining to energy studies and government resource management, business process management and financial reporting (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2008/2, paragraph 18(f)).

6. The meeting will discuss a recommendation from the Bureau with respect to revising the UNFC and the formulation of complementary texts to the Revised UNFC-2008 as developed by a special Task Force on Revision of the UNFC.

Item 6: International Accounting Standards Board's Research Project on Extractive Activities

7. The International Accounting Standards Board Research Project on Extractive Activities is due to issue a discussion paper on an International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) on accounting for Extractive Activities. The research undertaken to develop this discussion paper will be reviewed as it pertains to the classification of extractive activities.

Item 7: United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)/London and Oslo City Groups' specifications for national energy statistics

8. Two groups of experts from the National Bureaux of Statistics are researching standards for use in national statistics, including in energy statistics. One group, the Oslo Group (<http://og.ssb.no/ogwebpage/>) is tasked with energy statistics, and another, the London Group (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/envaccounting/londongroup/>) is tasked with environmental accounting, including resource accounting. Both bodies are cooperating with UNSD and the InterEnerStat Initiative (see agenda item 8). Reports on their activities will be presented and implications for the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts discussed.

Item 8: InterEnerStat Initiative led by the International Energy Agency on the definitions of energy flows and products

9. InterEnerStat (http://www.iea.org/interenerstat_v2/) conducted work in 2008 to define energy flows and products. The activities of InterEnerStat will be presented and discussed as they relate to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

Item 9: Classification of recipient reservoirs

10. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts has been encouraged to review the application of the UNFC to injection projects. The discussions at the fifth session confirmed the merit of considering the classification of recipient reservoirs in conjunction with the classification of producing reservoirs.

11. The meeting will focus on future potential work on this topic and possible synergies with the UNECE Working Party on Gas, which is currently looking at gas storage issues, and the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels, which has the issue of carbon capture and storage on its programme of work.

Item 10: Possible implications of agenda items 5 to 9 on the UNFC and any texts to be developed or adopted to supplement the UNFC.

12. Following the discussions on agenda items 5 to 9, any possible implications thereof on the proposed revised UNFC will be discussed.

Item 11: Work of the International Energy Forum as it may relate to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

13. The recent work and future planned activities of the International Energy Forum will be discussed, including how this might relate to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts and possible synergies.

Item 12: Case studies reflecting the potential application of the revised UNFC in the areas of:

- (a) **Energy and mineral studies**
- (b) **Government resource management**
- (c) **Business process management**
- (d) **Financial reporting**

14. Case studies will be heard on the potential application of the proposed revised UNFC to one or more of the above applications.

Item 13: Review of the programme of work for 2009/2010

15. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be given an opportunity to discuss and review the programme of work for 2009/2010 and to propose specific activities to be carried out during this period.

Item 14: Other business

16. The meeting 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 Ad Hoc Group of Experts (Annex I to ENERGY/GE.3/2005/2). Delegates are encouraged to notify the secretariat and Chair in advance if they wish to raise any issues under this agenda item.

Item 15: Adoption of the report of the meeting
