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Adoption of the report and close of the meeting

Draft Conclusions and Recommendations arising from the Committee on Sustainable Energy Twenty-fifth Session¹

The Committee on Sustainable Energy:

Agenda Item 1. Opening and adoption of the agenda
Documentation:
ECE/ENERGY/106 – Annotated provisional agenda

1. Adopted the Agenda as presented.

Agenda Item 2. Election of officers
2. Elected Mr. Ramazan Zhampiiisov (Kazakhstan) and Mr. Jarad Daniels (United States) as Vice-Chairs until the end of the twenty-seventh session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy. The term of office of the already elected officials Mr. Jürgen Keinhorst (Germany) as Chair and Mr. Nazir Ramazanov (Azerbaijan), Mr. Talyat Aliev (Russian Federation), Mrs Jelena Simovic (Serbia), Mr. Jean-Christophe Füeg (Switzerland), and Mr. Ihor Didenko (Ukraine) as Vice-Chairs was for two years from the date of their election until the end of the twenty-sixth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy. Underscored the desirability, for the sake of ensuring continuity of the Bureau, that not all officers be elected at the same time.

3. Thanked the Chairs of the Committee’s subsidiary bodies for their valuable contributions to the Bureau since the twenty-fourth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, of which they remain Vice-Chairs ex officio.

Agenda Item 4. Report on how the subsidiary bodies contribute to meeting the energy-related Sustainable Development Goals
Documentation:
ECE/ENERGY/2016/16 – Mapping of the sustainable energy subprogramme processes and activities that support countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

4. Acknowledged the important work of the six subsidiary bodies to achieve the energy-related Sustainable Development Goals and the work undertaken since the twenty-fourth session. Requested further analysis on how the activities offer support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development at the national level.

¹ The draft conclusions and recommendations will be reviewed by the Committee on Sustainable Energy after each agenda item and updated as needed.
5. Endorsed the collaboration with the other United Nations Regional Commissions, the World Bank, the International Energy Agency, and the International Renewable Energy Agency on tracking progress towards attainment of the energy-related Sustainable Development Goals and targets and requested the secretariat to seek funding for the activities on an ongoing basis.

**Expert Group on Resource Classification**


ECE/ENERGY/2016/4 – Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources

ECE/ENERGY/2016/5 – Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to geothermal energy resources

ECE/ENERGY/2016/6 – Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to injection projects for the purpose of geological storage


8. Endorsed the following four documents: i) Bridging Document between the Oil and Fuel Gas Reserves and Resources Classification of the Russian Federation of 2013 and the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 (UNFC-2009) (ECE/ENERGY/2016/3); ii) Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources (ECE/ENERGY/2016/4); iii) Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to geothermal energy resources (ECE/ENERGY/2016/5); and iv) Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to injection projects for the purpose of geological storage (ECE/ENERGY/2016/6).


10. Endorsed the conclusion of the Expert Group on Resource Classification at its seventh session that an update of UNFC-2009 should be prepared for release, but not before 2018. Requested that the revised version of UNFC-2009 when issued be published in all United Nations languages to help implement ECOSOC Decision 2004/233.

11. Noting that an updated version of UNFC-2009 is included in the Publications Programme for 2016–2017 (item number 68/1879), endorsed the recommendation of the Expert Group on Resource Classification that this publication be issued instead as Case
Studies on UNFC-2009. Further noting that the case studies will assist with global application of UNFC-2009, recommended that the publication be issued in all United Nations languages in support of ECOSOC Decision 2004/233.

12. Endorsed the extrabudgetary project proposal prepared by the Expert Group on Resource Classification to fund needed secretariat support and other activities such as outreach and dissemination to ensure full and proper continued development and deployment of UNFC-2009 and requested the Secretariat to seek funding for the project.

**Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels**

13. Noted with appreciation the progress that the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels has made since the twenty-fourth session on delivering on its mandated activities and Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels for 2016-2017.


**Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane**

*Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2016/2 – Methane management in extractive industries – update*

15. Noted with appreciation the progress that the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane has made since the twenty-fourth session on delivering on its mandated activities and the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane for 2016-2017.

16. Took note of the report on methane management in extractive industries – update (ECE/ENERGY/2016/2) and requested that the task force on methane management in extractive industries prepare a report based on its survey of current practices and a draft best practice guidance document on monitoring, measuring, recording, and reporting methane emissions for submission to the twenty-sixth session of the Committee.

17. Requested the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane to submit a request for mandate extension and a draft Work Plan of the Expert Group for 2018-2019 at its twenty-sixth session.

18. [Requested the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane to make a proposal to the twenty-sixth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy on expanding the mandate of the Group of Experts to encompass work on the transition of traditional mining companies to become integrated service companies and to explore the impact this transition might have on the contributions of the energy sector on sustainable development.]**

**Group of Experts on Renewable Energy**


21. Recommended to use key findings from the UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report and subsequent updates as a basis for a match-making process to promote renewable energy projects, providing technical assistance and training programmes, and exploring the establishment of one or more sub-regional Centres of Excellence in collaboration with other partners in member States at their request and upon the availability of resources. These efforts will support member States to increase the uptake of renewable energy and support achieving the target of increasing substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix by 2030 as indicated under the Sustainable Development Goal 7.

22. Requested the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy to consider constraints, explore opportunities and share information on good practices for the deployment of renewable energy within future energy systems.

**Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency**


25. Requested the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency to explore barriers that continue to constrain energy efficiency implementation, with a particular focus on the industry, as well as residential and service sectors.

26. Requested the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency to explore existing national minimum energy performance standards and their application throughout the ECE region.

25. Requested the Groups of Experts on Energy Efficiency and on Renewable Energy to deepen their collaboration on using renewable energy sources as a promising efficiency measure.

**Agenda Item 5. Energy and Environment in a green economy**

26. Appreciated the discussion on synergies and enhancing capacity building efforts to achieve the effective implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and targets and the transition to a green economy in the pan-European region.

27. Requested that future mandates and work plans for the subsidiary bodies give special attention to joint activities across sectors within governments and within ECE in addressing energy nexus issues, and to explore potential partnerships for enhanced capacity building and sharing of experiences and lesson learned.

Documentation:
ECE/ENERGY/2016/7 – Pathways to sustainable energy
ECE/ENERGY/2016/8 – Draft outcome document of the Seventh International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development

28. Welcomed and appreciated the preparatory efforts currently underway by host-countries Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan for the Seventh and Eighth International Fora on Energy for Sustainable Development, respectively, and invited member States to disseminate broadly the information to potential participants.

29. Stressed the importance of developing concrete pathways and solutions towards sustainable energy in the ECE region at this time and continued the support of the project it mandated during the twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions on Pathways to Sustainable Energy (ECE/ENERGY/2014/96 and ECE/ENERGY/2015/99). Recommended to build on this opportunity to strengthen ECE’s and the Committee’s role as a neutral platform for policy and technology dialogues on the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets and to continue to collaborate with the other Regional Commissions for accelerated progress as it is being done through the international fora process.

30. Agreed to extend invitations to member States for ministerial participation at the energy ministerial at the auspices of the Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development (the Eighth Forum) at the opening of the EXPO-2017 “Future Energy” in Astana, Kazakhstan on 11 June 2017.

31. Took note of the Draft outcome document of the Seventh Forum (ECE/ENERGY/2016/8) and of the Concept note and draft outcome document of the Eighth Forum (ECE/ENERGY/2016/9) proposing to commit to concrete actions to accelerate achievement of the energy-related Sustainable Development Goals (ECE/ENERGY/99, para. 87 to 89), with the idea that ministers would sign up to specific actions during the Eighth Forum.

32. Recommended to optimise the country consultation process in preparation for the Eighth Forum and energy ministerial through an on-line consultation process involving all ECE member States to refine the outcome document of the Eighth Forum and energy ministerial (ECE/ENERGY/2016/9, Annex). Recommendations should focus on action-oriented implementation, in particular in relation to the regional application of the Global Tracking Framework as well as the sixty-seventh session of the ECE Commission in April 2017 and must involve the six subsidiary bodies, other stakeholders from the international community, the private sector and academia. Decided to seek comments from member States between 3 October 2016 and 8 January 2017 through aforementioned on-line consultation process.

33. Decided not to close the twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy on 30 September 2016 with the adoption of the report (ECE/ENERGY/107) but to adjourn
the session with the objective to reconvene on 19 January 2017 for the endorsement of the
draft outcome document for the ministerial meeting (ECE/ENERGY/2016/9) and adoption of
the report of the twenty-fifth session.

34. Requested the secretariat to proceed with the preparations of the second part of the
twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy on 19 January 2017 and to issue
a revised version of document ECE/ENERGY/2016/9, Concept note and draft outcome
document of the Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development and
Energy Ministerial (ECE/ENERGY/2016/9.rev) no later than 10 days before the session.
Requested that all parliamentary documents necessary for the session be translated into the
official languages of the United Nations, and at a minimum the revised document

35. Requested the secretariat to proceed with the preparations of the twenty-sixth session of
the Committee on Sustainable Energy on 26-28 September 2017 in Geneva, including a draft
agenda, draft report, all supporting documents for mandate and work plan approval of its six
subsidiary bodies, the draft strategic framework for 2020-2021 and the draft proposal for the
programme of work for the ECE sustainable energy subprogramme for 2018–2019.

and supported its implementation. Agreed to support XXX and called upon the ECE
Executive Secretary/Chair of the Committee to bring it to the attention of the President of the
Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)/Chair of the UNECE Commission for further
action. Called upon the Secretaries of the other regional commissions to consider doing
likewise.]

37. Endorsed the collaboration with the other United Nations Regional Commissions, the
World Bank, the International Energy Agency, and the International Renewable Energy
Agency on the 2017 edition of the SE4All Global Tracking Framework and its follow-up
activities. Mandated the Groups of Experts on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to
carry out work on their relevant subject areas to support the efforts of the Global Tracking
Framework, with a particular focus on indicators of progress in energy efficiency and
renewable energy.

**Agenda Item 7. Complexity and decision-making in conditions of uncertainty**
*Documentation:*
ECE/ENERGY/2016/7 – Pathways to sustainable energy

38. The Committee took note of the developments of the project it oversees called
Pathways to Sustainable Energy and requested a report on the results in 2018 for presentation
at its twenty-seventh session.

**Agenda Item 8. Energy efficiency in the built environment**
Concept note on the principles-based energy performance standard in buildings*
39. Supported the proposal to develop a principles-based energy performance standard in buildings and mandated the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings with the Committee on Housing and Land Management to develop the concept further, subject to available resources. Requested a progress report at its twenty-sixth session.

**Agenda Item 9. How can the Committee best respond to the needs of member States going forward?**

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/2016/10 – Draft proposal for the programme of work for the ECE sustainable energy subprogramme for 2018–2019
ECE/ENERGY/2016/11 – Provisional calendar of meetings for 2017
ECE/ENERGY/2016/12 – Draft publication plan for 2018–2019
ECE/ENERGY/2016/13 – Budget and resourcing of the ECE sustainable energy subprogramme
ECE/ENERGY/2016/14 – Report on regional advisory services in sustainable energy
ECE/ENERGY/2016/15 – Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

40. Took note of the Draft proposal for the programme of work for the ECE sustainable energy subprogramme for 2018–2019 (ECE/ENERGY/2016/10), including the terms of reference of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and mandates and terms of reference of its subsidiary bodies (Annex IV) and requested the secretariat to incorporate comments made for consideration at the twenty-sixth session. Recommended to maintain the length of meetings to twelve sessions per biennium.

41. Further took note of the following reports: Budget and resourcing of the ECE sustainable energy subprogramme (ECE/ENERGY/2016/13), Report on regional advisory services in sustainable energy (ECE/ENERGY/2016/14) and Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (ECE/ENERGY/2016/15).

40. Endorsed the Provisional calendar of meetings for 2017 (ECE/ENERGY/2016/11) and the draft publication plan for 2018–2019 (ECE/ENERGY/2016/12) and recommended their submission to EXCOM for subsequent approval.

41. Invited governments and other organizations to provide financial and/or in-kind expert support to strengthen the implementation of its programme of work for 2016-2017.

42. Took note of the request by its Bureau to increase the participation of representatives and experts from the capitals of the ECE member States in its activities and meetings. In order to allow more targeted outreach and information flow in preparation for the second part of its twenty-fifth session and the twenty-sixth session in 2017, requested member States of the ECE and other participants of the meeting to provide expert contact points to the secretariat and requested the secretariat to implement this request.

**Agenda Item 10. Approval of documents**


2 Only if there is no agreement on the consultation process.
ECE/ENERGY/2016/2 – Methane management in extractive industries - update
ECE/ENERGY/2016/4 – Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources
ECE/ENERGY/2016/5 – Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to geothermal energy resources
ECE/ENERGY/2016/6 – Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 to injection projects for the purpose of geological storage
ECE/ENERGY/GE.8/2016/2 - Report of the Third Session of the Group of Experts on Gas

**Group of Experts on Gas**

43. Noted with appreciation the progress that the Group of Experts on Gas has made since the twenty-fourth session on delivering on its mandated activities and the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Gas for 2016-2017.

44. Took note of the report of the Third Session of the Group of Experts on Gas (ECE/ENERGY/GE.8/2016/2).


**Agenda Item 12. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting**

*Documentation:* ECE/ENERGY/107 – Report of the Committee on Sustainable Energy on its twenty-fifth session

46. Adopted the report of the first part of the twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy as presented and subject to any necessary editing and formatting.


48. The first part of the twenty-fifth session was adjourned on 30 September 2016 on XXX hours.

49. *Alternative*² [Adopted the report of the twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (ECE/ENERGY/107) subject to any necessary editing and formatting].

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