The Expert Group on Resource Classification agreed to establish a Communications Sub-Committee at its first session, April 2010 (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2010/2, paragraph 58(i)) and recommended at its fourth session (April 2013) that the mandate be updated (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2013/2, paragraph 80).

**Objectives:** the Communications Sub-Committee is tasked by the Expert Group to develop and implement a communications and education strategy. The strategy should ensure that opportunities to promote UNFC-2009 globally and to deliver a consistent message thereon are maximized, including through conferences, workshops, articles and technical papers. The Sub-Committee is to co-ordinate its work with the Technical Advisory Group (a subgroup of the Expert Group on Resource Classification) once established (and the Specifications Task Force in the interim), in particular in relation to any events that focus on capacity building on UNFC-2009. The Sub-Committee should also assist to identify experts in countries and organizations not already represented in the Expert Group.

**Stakeholders:** The Sub-Committee works with the global constituency of the Expert Group on Resource Classification representing all users of resource information from the solid minerals, petroleum and renewable energy sectors: UNECE and non-UNECE Governments; international organizations; business community; professional societies and associations; financial sector, including standard setters; academia; and individual experts.

**Resources:** until extra budgetary resources can be identified the Sub-Committee will rely exclusively on voluntary contributions from experts (time, travel, sponsorship of events etc). Administrative support will be provided by the Secretary of the Expert Group.

**Deliverables:** the Communications Sub-Committee will work on promotional activities related to UNFC-2009, including but not limited to promotional material (leaflets, videos, articles etc), a series of standard presentations on UNFC-2009, and identification of conferences at which UNFC-2009 should be presented and/or promoted, as well as opportunities for national, regional and/or international workshops or conferences. The Communications Sub-Committee will prepare a written report of its activities and outputs annually.

**Timeline:** the Communications Sub-Committee reports on its works and findings to the annual meeting of the Expert Group at which time the Expert Group will review the need or otherwise for the Sub-Committee to continue.

**Reporting:** the Communications Sub-Committee is a subgroup of the Expert Group on Resource Classification and reports to the Bureau of the Expert Group between Expert Group meetings. All outputs of the Sub-Committee are to be reviewed and approved by the Bureau prior to submission to the Expert Group. The Sub-Committee reports annually on its work to the Expert Group.

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