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Annotated provisional agenda for the fourth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 23 April 2013

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.
2. The documents for the session will be published in English, French and Russian and will be posted to the Official Document System of the United Nations¹ and the ECE Sustainable Energy Division website² as soon as they become available. A detailed timetable for the session will be posted to the Sustainable Energy Division website.

Item 2: Officers

3. The Expert Group elected a new Bureau at its third session in 2012. In line with the ECE Rules of Procedure the Bureau will serve until 2014.

Item 3: Workshop on the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009

4. A workshop on the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 (UNFC-2009) will be held on 23 April. Presentations will provide an overview of and introduction to UNFC-2009 and how it works, as well as the Expert Group. This event is intended for newcomers to the Expert Group and those members of the Expert Group wishing to deliver presentations on UNFC-2009 at future conferences and workshops.

Item 4: Opening remarks from the Chair

5. The Chair will deliver opening remarks, including the status of development of UNFC-2009.

¹ <http://documents.un.org/>

² <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=31719>

Item 5: Introduction of participants

6. Participants will be invited to briefly introduce themselves in the form of a “tour de table”.

Item 6: Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and any matters for consideration by the Expert Group on Resource Classification in light of the review of the Economic Commission for Europe Reform of 2005

7. The secretariat will provide an overview of the review of the ECE Reform of 2005 and any implications for the Expert Group.

8. The secretariat will provide an overview of recent activities within the programme of work of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (ECE/ENERGY/89) following its twenty-first session in November 2012.

Item 7: Review of the programme of work for 2012–2013

9. Participants will review progress on the action items in the programme of work set out in the report of the third session of the Expert Group (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2012/2, paragraph 86).

Item 8: Specifications for the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009

10. At the first session of the Expert Group it was agreed that the successor Specifications Task Force (Phase Two), established by and reporting to the Bureau, should consider all issues raised by stakeholders that are not currently addressed fully in the Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards (CRIRSCO) Template and/or the Petroleum Resource Management System (PRMS)³ and as contained in the final version of the Report “Stakeholder requirements for specifications for UNFC-2009”. A summary version of that report was prepared as an official document for the nineteenth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (ECE/ENERGY/2010/8).

11. As per the Programme of Work for 2012–2013, the Expert Group requested the Specifications Task Force Phase Two to continue its work to develop generic specifications for UNFC-2009 and to do so in close collaboration with CRIRSCO and SPE. The draft text of the generic specifications (unofficial room document EGRC-3/2012/INF.1 “Specifications for the application of UNFC-2009 – draft document prepared by the Specifications Task Force”) was requested to be updated to both reflect comments provided at the third session of the Expert Group and also the feedback requested to be submitted in writing by 1 June 2012. The draft specifications document and other supporting documents (including glossary of terms and bridging documents) developed by the Specifications Task

³ The Petroleum Resource Management System (PRMS) has been endorsed by the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the World Petroleum Council, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG).

Force were additionally requested to be issued for a public consultation. Where possible, the documentation prepared by the Task Force was to be finalized prior to the fourth session of the Expert Group.

12. The results of the work of the Specifications Task Force Phase Two and the public consultation will be presented to the Expert Group for consideration. The Expert Group will be invited to endorse the documentation presented (ECE/ENERGY/GE.2/2013/3 and ECE/ENERGY/GE.2/2013/4).

13. The Expert Group will also be invited to recommend any future action.

Item 9: Technical Advisory Group

14. As noted in the Programme of Work for 2012–2013, a Technical Advisory Group is needed to provide assistance and advice on how to interpret, apply and/or map to UNFC-2009 as and when requested, as well as to compile and analyze the results of such initiatives. At the first session of the Expert Group it was agreed that the Bureau should progress establishment of a Technical Advisory Group, including development of a mandate, methodology of operation and rules of procedure, list of deliverables, membership list and potential sources of extrabudgetary funding, for consideration by the Expert Group. The work of the Task Force established by the Bureau to determine the parameters for the Technical Advisory Group will be presented and relevant documentation reviewed (ECE/ENERGY/GE.2/2013/5).

Item 10: Use of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 for classifying injection projects

15. At its first session, the Expert Group agreed, subject to appropriate prioritization, that the Task Force on UNFC-2009 and Recipient Reservoirs – established by and reporting to the Bureau – should continue to develop its views on this potential use of UNFC-2009 and identify additional key stakeholders who could provide critical analysis and feedback on the practicality of applying the classification for these types of projects.

16. The Task Force will present a report on its continued activities to investigate how, for example, oil and gas companies classify and evaluate the maturity of their gas injection projects today, and proposals for a draft bridging document. The Expert Group will review and discuss the information provided and recommend any future activities.

Item 11: Status of the development of other applications of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009

(a) Application to nuclear fuel resources

17. The on-going work of the International Atomic Energy Agency to test and map UNFC-2009 for nuclear fuel resources, including a bridging document will be presented (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2013/7).

18. The Expert Group will review the information provided and recommend any future work in this area.

(b) Application to renewable energy resources

19. The potential application of UNFC-2009 to renewable energy resources was discussed at the third session of the Expert Group. Whilst the Expert Group stressed that completion of the work on applying UNFC-2009 to oil, gas, minerals and uranium remained the priority, it notwithstanding looked forward to receiving an update on the work and findings in this area at the fourth session. An industry-led Renewable Resources Working Group was established outside of the Expert Group following the third session and a representative will provide an update on its work, including developing a draft general specifications document for renewable energy resources, as well as a bridging document for one renewable energy form.

20. The Expert Group will note the Outcome Document from the Informal Consultations on Sustainable Energy, which was written in the framework of the review of the ECE Reform of 2005, and its inclusion of a concrete activity for the Expert Group to develop ideas on how UNFC-2009 could apply to and integrate renewable energy and to undertake this by December 2013.

21. The Expert Group will discuss the information provided and recommend future activities in this area for inclusion in its programme of work.

(c) Other applications proposed for consideration

22. The Expert Group will review and discuss any other applications proposed for consideration.

Item 12: Case studies

23. Case studies on UNFC-2009 will be discussed.

Item 13: Education and outreach and activities of the Communications Sub-Committee

24. At the first session of the Expert Group it was agreed to establish a Communications Sub-Committee, which reports to Bureau. The Sub-Committee was tasked to develop and implement a communications and education strategy to ensure that opportunities to promote UNFC-2009 globally and to deliver a consistent message regarding its availability and application are maximized, including through conferences, workshops, articles and technical papers.

25. The current activities and future work plans of the Communications Sub-Committee will be presented to the Expert Group (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2013/6).

26. The Expert Group will be asked to review the mandate of the Communications Sub-Committee to ensure it is current.

27. Events and workshops held in 2012 and 2013 to promote and educate on UNFC-2009 will be presented and discussed.

28. Any projects, articles and planned events in 2013 and 2014 to promote, educate on and/or test UNFC-2009 will be discussed.

Item 14: Update on financial reporting

29. An update on financial reporting issues of relevance to the Expert Group will be presented and discussed.

30. Potential implications for the Expert Group and its stakeholders on the issues discussed will be reviewed and agreement made on any future action.

Item 15: Terms of reference and rules of procedure for the Expert Group on Resource Classification

31. The terms of reference of the Expert Group will be reviewed in the light of the outcome document of the review of the ECE Reform of 2005 that will be presented to the sixty-fifth session of the Commission, 9-11 April 2013, for adoption. The current terms of reference of the Expert Group, as approved by the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its eighteenth session, are annexed to the provisional agenda of the first session of the Expert Group (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2010/1).

32. The Expert Group will review the ECE Guidelines on Procedures and Practices for ECE Bodies, which are to be presented to the sixty-fifth session of the Commission for adoption, and will be invited to consider adopting its own rules of procedure. Any such rules of procedure would need to be developed on the basis of the ECE Rules of Procedure, and, where applicable the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and take into account the ECE Guidelines on Procedures and Practices for ECE Bodies.

Item 16: Programme of work for 2013–2014

33. The planned programme of work for 2013–2014 will be discussed and agreed upon, taking into account the outcome document of the review of the ECE Reform of 2005 due to be adopted at the sixty-fifth session of the Commission and its specific references to UNFC-2009. The programme of work for 2012–2013 as contained in the report of the third session (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2012/2, paragraph 86) will be used as the basis for discussion.

Item 17: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

34. The Expert Group will be invited to adopt conclusions and recommendations as may be agreed.

35. As per the guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies to be presented to the sixty-fifth session of the Commission for adoption, the secretariat should make available only those draft conclusions and recommendations for discussion and adoption that are proposed by one or more ECE member States. Where possible all such draft conclusions and recommendations should be circulated to all participants and Geneva Permanent Representations at least ten days before the start of the meeting.

Item 18: Other business

36. The Expert Group 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 Expert Group. Delegations are encouraged to notify the secretariat and Chair in advance if they wish to raise any issues under this agenda item.

37. The dates for the fifth session of the Expert Group to be held in Geneva in 2014 will be discussed.

Item 19: Report of the meeting

38. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will sum up the agreed conclusions and recommendations and close the meeting. The report will be adopted at the meeting. If not adopted at the meeting, the draft report of the meeting and the list of participants will be drawn up by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau and circulated for comments and approval to the Expert Group members and the Geneva Permanent Representations. After approval, the report will be posted on the ECE website⁴.

⁴ <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=31719>