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**United Nations Economic and Social Council Decision 2004/233**

**United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**  
**Decision re United Nations Framework Classification for Resources**

**Background**

The Expert Group on Resource Management at its tenth session tasked the Bureau to review the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Decision 2004/233 relating to the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources and to propose an updated or new draft Decision regarding UNFC and UNRMS for consideration by the Expert Group and subsequent submission to the Committee on Sustainable Energy. The Expert Group will discuss the updated Decision.

**Proposed revised text of Decision 2004/233**

At its XX plenary meeting, on XX 2021, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decisions of 1997/226 of 18 July 1997 and of 2004/233 of 16 July 2004, welcomed the endorsement by the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) and decides to invite the Member States of the United Nations, international organizations and regional commissions to consider taking appropriate measures for ensuring worldwide application of UNFC. The Council notes that this new classification system which is applicable to mineral, petroleum, nuclear fuel, renewable energy and anthropogenic resources, as well as injection projects for geological storage, is an extension and update of the earlier framework developed for fossil energy and mineral commodities on which the Council took similar action in 2004. UNFC is intended to satisfy the requirements of different resource sectors and applications, as well as making it fully aligned to the sustainable resource management called for by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. To this end, in order to facilitate worldwide application of UNFC, the Council endorses the request by the Economic Commission for Europe to publish the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources in all official languages of the United Nations and to make it available in book and electronic format and on the website of the Economic Commission for Europe.

**Draft Decision by the Expert Group**

The Expert Group invited the ECE Committee on Sustainable Energy and the Executive Committee to consider submitting to ECOSOC the draft revised decision on UNFC for consideration and possible endorsement.

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