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**UNECE Ad Hoc Group of Experts on  
Coal in Sustainable Development  
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**REPORT OF SEVENTH SESSION**

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## The Background...

- **Seventh Session: 90 delegates from 23 countries, including Australia and Brazil – mix of Government, private sector and NGOs.**
- **New Bureau elected: representatives from Czech Republic, Romania (Chairman), Russian Federation (x 2), Turkey, United Kingdom and EURACOAL. Two females. Mix from Government, private sector and NGOs.**
- **Group of Experts now has two extrabudgetary projects: CAPACT and Development of CMM Projects totalling USD\$ 985,000 (50% CAPACT devoted to coal/energy).**



## The Issues...

- **Demand, supply and prospects for coal in UNECE region and globally.**
- **Clean coal technologies and technological innovations to reduce GHGs from coal use, including CAPACT project.**
- **Coal and the environment – emissions standards and legislation and need to respond to new market arrangements.**
- **Coal mine methane and extrabudgetary project on CMM Projects.**
- **Life Cycle Analysis/Coal in a Sustainable Society.**
- **Coal sector restructuring – mitigating social and economic impacts.**



## The Outcomes/Future Work...

- **CAPACT and CMM Projects will continue and Group of Experts will support their implementation. Report on appropriate CCTs for Central Asia will be published in 2005.**
- **Work on coal sector restructuring will continue and report will be produced in 2005 based on results of UNECE Questionnaire on Mitigating Economic and Social Impacts of Coal Sector Restructuring.**
- **At least one seminar/workshop will be held in 2005 on coal sector restructuring potentially back to back with a CMM event. Invitations from Poland, Romania and Ukraine to host events.**