

UNECE's Efforts to Harmonize Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology?

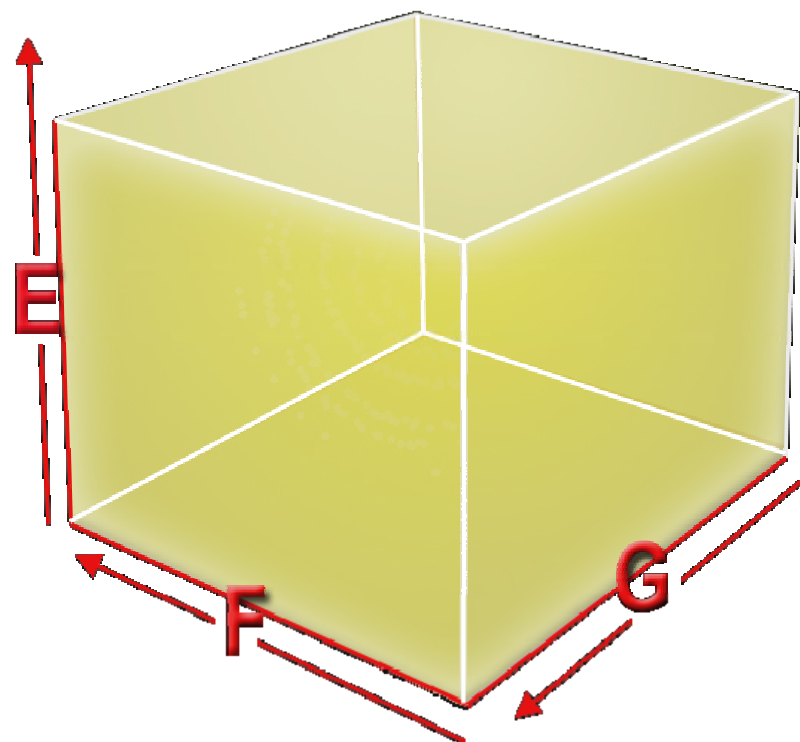
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What is the UNFC?

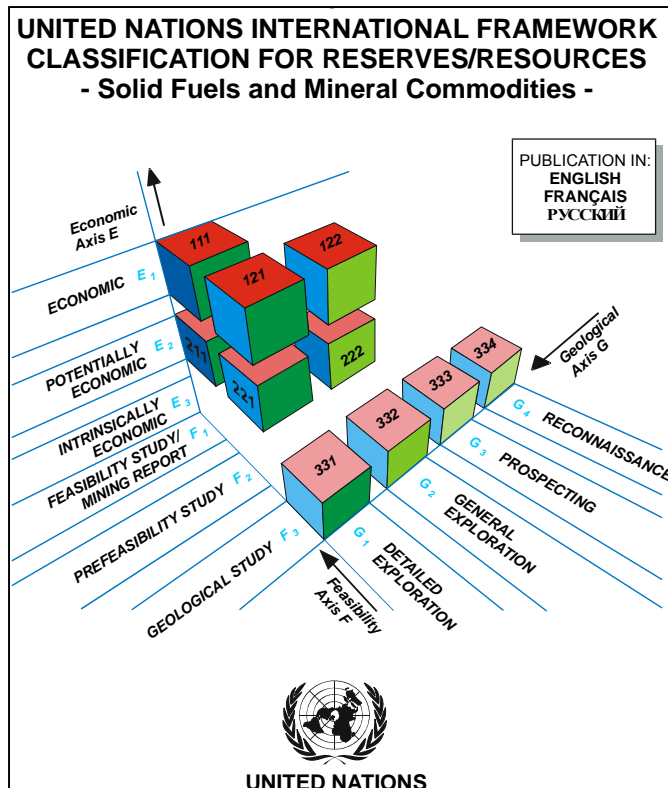
- UN Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources.
- Incorporates principal criteria recurring in classifications: **e**conomic viability (**E**), technical **f**easibility/project maturity (**F**) and knowledge of the **g**eological endowment (**G**).
- An “umbrella” framework to harmonize existing terminologies and definitions worldwide
- Simple, universally applicable scheme for classifying and evaluating energy and mineral reserves and resources.
- Allows a common and necessary international understanding.
- A flexible system for application at global, national, industrial, institutional or financial level.

UNFC – Three Dimensional System

- E** Economic and commercial viability
- F** Field project status and feasibility
- G** Geological knowledge



History of UNFC



1992 - Initiated by Member States for coal reserves/resources

1997 - UN ECOSOC resolution encouraging use for all solid minerals

- Successfully applied or tested in more than 60 countries

2004 - UN ECOSOC resolution 233/2004 recommending worldwide application for petroleum and solid minerals

Ad Hoc Group of Experts

- **Transparent and voluntary process.**
- **Ongoing, open dialogue among all stakeholders.**
 - **ECE member governments**
 - **Other UN member governments**
 - **International and intergovernmental organizations, incl. IAEA, IEA, IEF, OPEC, WEC and WPC.**
 - **Professional associations and NGOs incl. AAPG, CRIRSCO, EFG, IASB, IOSCO, IVSC and SPE; and**
 - **Business/private sector including international and national petroleum and mining companies**
- **Annual sessions: 2004 - 2006**
- **Committee on Sustainable Energy to consider the Terms of Reference for the Group of Experts at 15th Session (ECE/ENERGY/2006/12, Annex IV)**

Key Objectives of the AHGE

- **Maintain UNFC - ensure it is based upon cooperation with recognized industry professional societies**
- **Facilitate development of Specifications and Guidelines, through cooperation with SPE and CRIRSCO.**
- **Encourage an education programme.**
- **Facilitate (petroleum) case studies on voluntary basis.**
- **Seek to strengthen inter-agency cooperation and to cooperate and collaborate with all stakeholders.**
- **Explore opportunities within the UN system to secure the required permanence and reliability, e.g. UN Centre for Energy and Mineral Resources in lieu of an Ad Hoc Group.**