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Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology

Fifth session
Geneva, 15-16 April 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 15 April 2008*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of Officers/Bureau of the meeting
3. Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, and any matters for consideration by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the website of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/ie/>), and transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session – namely, by **1 April 2008** – either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail (catherine.pierre@unece.org). Delegates are requested to present themselves at least one and a half hours prior to the start of the meeting at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix opposite the Red Cross Building (see the map on the Energy Division's website), for the issuance of an identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (internal extension 74140 or 75721).

4. Opening remarks from the Chair
5. Report of the Special Task Force on Mapping of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources (UNFC) to other petroleum and minerals classifications
6. Alignment of classifications and possible revision of the UNFC
7. Review of the programme of work for 2008/2009
8. Other business
9. Adoption of the report of the meeting.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The documents for the session will be published in English, French and Russian and will be posted as soon as they become available to the Official Document System of the United Nations website at: <http://documents.un.org/> and the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division website at: <http://www.unece.org/ie/se/reserves.html>. A detailed time schedule for the session will be posted to the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division website and sent to registrants prior to the meeting.

Item 2: Election of Officers

2. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts re-elected the existing Bureau at its fourth session in October 2007 to serve for the two-year mandate of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts approved by the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its sixteenth session (ECE/ENERGY/ENERGY/76).

Item 3: Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and any matters for consideration by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

3. The secretariat will provide an overview of recent activities within the work programme of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (ECE/ENERGY/76) following its sixteenth session in November 2007, with particular emphasis on any decisions taken with regard to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

Item 4: Opening Remarks from the Chair

4. The Chair will deliver opening remarks to the meeting.

Item 5: Report of the Special Task Force on Mapping of the UNFC with regard to other petroleum and minerals classifications

5. In August 2007, a Special Task Force on Mapping of the UNFC was established to examine existing major petroleum and minerals classification systems and their mapping with the 2004 UNFC. Following discussion at the fourth session in October 2007, the Bureau directed this Task Force to complete a final report with input from the Ad Hoc Group of Experts by 29 February 2008. To meet this deadline, the Task Force invited comments on the draft report and also how proposed changes could impact national systems.

6. The meeting will receive a presentation on the final report of the Mapping Task Force. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts will then discuss the report and, if appropriate, be invited to adopt it.

Item 6: Alignment of classifications and possible revision of the UNFC

7. At the fourth session the Ad Hoc Group of Experts agreed upon a programme of work for 2008, which included the following two items:

(e) *Agreed to build on the success of the mapping exercise by authorizing the Bureau to conduct due process in seeking input on the mapping of the UNFC to other codes, and to act on the views received on revising the 2004 UNFC;*

(f) *Agreed to request the Bureau to prepare a discussion document for consideration at the fifth session relating to options for specifications/guidelines for the UNFC;*
(ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2007/2).

8. In view of the nature of these work items, the Bureau agreed to seek the support of four additional experts in order to facilitate its charge to revise the UNFC and identify requirements for specifications under such a revised UNFC.

9. The meeting will receive a presentation on the findings, including proposed revisions of the UNFC and a proposed architecture for the UNFC specifications. Following discussion, the Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be invited to consider adopting the revised UNFC and to discuss the findings with regard to the draft specifications.

Item 7: Review of the programme of work for 2008/2009

10. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be given an opportunity to discuss and review the programme of work for 2008/2009 and to propose specific activities to be carried out during this period.

Item 8: Other business

11. The meeting 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 Ad Hoc Group of Experts (Annex I to ENERGY/GE.3/2005/2). To the extent possible, delegates are encouraged to notify the secretariat and Chair in advance if they wish to raise any issues under Item 8.

12. If time allows, the meeting will be invited to discuss the issue of extrabudgetary financing.

Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting
