

Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Harmonization of Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology, 4th Session, 17-19 October 2007

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2008 (AGENDA ITEM 17) and CONCLUDING REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 18 – ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING)

After discussion, the Ad Hoc Group of Experts:

- (a) Agreed to recommend to the Committee on Sustainable Energy that it renew the mandate of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts for a period of two years, re-emphasising the importance of the Objectives contained in its Terms of Reference, but also to continue consideration of other future options;
- (b) Elected a Bureau to serve for the approved term of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts recognizing that organizations and professional associations represented on the Bureau may need to change their representatives during the term of service;
- (c) Noted that the Fifth Session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be held in Geneva from 15-17 April 2008;
- (d) Considered the report of the Special Task Force on Mapping including the mapping of the UNFC to the CRIRSCO template, SPE PRMS and systems of the Russian Federation, and mapping of the petroleum and minerals classifications, Expressed appreciation to the Special Task Force for the high quality effort in preparing and delivering the report, noting the contributions of the experts on the Task Force and Agreed to set a schedule for seeking and incorporating comment and finalizing the Task Force Report;
- (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 5th session relating to options for specifications/guidelines for the UNFC
- (g) Recognized the success of the AAPG/SPE International Multidisciplinary Reserves Conference and Expressed appreciation for full inclusion of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts and the UNECE in the conference planning and proceedings;
- (h) Agreed to continue supporting the IASB research project as appropriate;
- (i) Agreed to postpone the discussion on how the UNFC can be used in classifying recipient formations (ie, CO₂ storage) until the Fifth Session; and
- (j) Agreed to continue education and outreach efforts including recognition of the excellent contributions of many delegates to the Group of Experts in speaking at conferences, workshops and other events and posting a brief presentation on the UNECE website;