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RESPONSE BY THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
TO THE WORK PLAN ON ECE REFORM

UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL CENTRE FOR
FOSSIL ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES (UN/CEFEM)
DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mandate: The decision of the UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy, November 2006, and the decision of the UNECE Executive Committee, December 2006, which approved the setting up of the Centre, its terms of reference, and work plan for a period of five years starting in 2007.

Mission Statement

1. UN/CEFEM is the Global Centre for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources. The Centre provides a responsive, transparent, and accountable governance structure to administer and maintain the UN Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources (UNFC) in support of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2004/233, which invites the Member States of the United Nations, international organizations and the UN regional commissions to consider taking appropriate measures for ensuring worldwide application of the UNFC.

Activities

2. The Centre, acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations in the development of norms and standards, will conduct the following activities to achieve its mission:

(a) Monitor and update the UNFC, as appropriate and necessary, to ensure that the UNFC remains relevant, reliable, credible, applicable, and facilitates comparability;

(b) Develop the specifications and guidelines to encourage successful implementation of the UNFC; and

(c) Develop and administer an effective education and outreach programme to promote the application of the UNFC.

3. The Centre shall adopt its own rules of procedure including the establishment and administration of subsidiary bodies to facilitate carrying out its responsibilities.

4. To generate the most effective outcomes in pursuit of its mission, the Centre encourages participation by other UN Member States, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations recognized by ECOSOC to participate in the work of the Centre. Additionally, the Centre may extend invitations to observers representing other public and private organizations.

5. The Centre will be serviced by Staff of the UNECE who will assist UN/CEFEM in the accomplishment of its mission and programme of work, within existing resources. Additional services and extrabudgetary funds may be provided by external sources in accordance with United Nations rules.

6. The Centre will report on its achievements and plans on an annual basis to the Committee on Sustainable Energy.