



Ref.: UNECE/2017/SED/52

8 June 2017

### **Solicitation of Comments on the Draft Guidance for the Application of UNFC for mineral resources in Finland, Sweden and Norway**

The UNECE Expert Group on Resource Classification is pleased to present for public comment the draft document “A Guidance for the application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) for mineral resources in Finland, Norway and Sweden”.

This draft guidance has been prepared by the project team of experts from the Geological Surveys of Finland (GTK), Norway (NGU) and Sweden (SGU), the Swedish Association of Mines, Minerals and Metal Producers (SveMin) and Petronavit a.s.

The draft guidance document is intended to assist preparers to produce UNFC inventories and support the users by clarifying how UNFC can be used to facilitate policy and strategy formulation, government resources management, industry business processes and capital allocation, the four principal areas of application of UNFC. By using the full UNFC inventory in conjunction with the underlying project information, the classification provides a system that can be used for data collection, standardization, aggregation and cross-comparison, thus facilitating the management of extractive activities across multiple temporal and spatial scales.

UNFC applies to all energy and mineral activities worldwide (including coal, gas, oil, uranium and injection projects). Significant progress has been made to broaden application to encompass renewable energy with the initial focus on geothermal and bioenergy. Work is progressing on solar, hydro and wind. Specifications for anthropogenic resources are also under development.

It should be noted that the draft guidance has been prepared as the basis for public comment to receive input from all stakeholders to ensure the development of a robust supporting document that could be used by governments, regulators, industry and financiers in Finland, Sweden and Norway. As the minerals industry is both national and transnational and as governments cooperate internationally, it is important that the guidance is aligned with international standards. The public comment period will run from 8 June until 1 September 2017. Comments may be provided online or via e-mail. Full details are available on the UNECE website at: [www.unece.org/energy/se/reserves.html](http://www.unece.org/energy/se/reserves.html).

Sincere appreciation is extended to the members of the project team for their efforts in preparing the guidance document.

Yours sincerely

**Scott FOSTER**  
Director, Sustainable Energy Division  
UNECE

**Kaj LAX**  
Chair  
UNFC Nordic Project Team