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1. At its twenty-seventh session (Geneva, 26-27 September 2018), the Committee on Sustainable Energy adopted the change of name of the Expert Group on Resource Classification to the Expert Group on Resource Management and its Terms of Reference, which refocus the work of the Expert Group on the delivery of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (see report of the twenty-seventh session, as contained in document ECE/Energy/119).
2. At its 102nd meeting (Geneva, 14 December 2018), the Executive Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) approved the change of name of the Expert Group on Resource Classification to the Expert Group on Resource Management and its Terms of Reference as contained in the annex.

Annex

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1. The Expert Group on Resource Management is mandated until 31 December 2019 to carry out concrete, results-oriented activities in the work areas and with the objective mentioned below.

A. Objective

2. Develop, promote and support the implementation of a global system which can be used as a tool for the sustainable management of natural resources to support attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

B. Areas of Work

3. Development and deployment of a United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS) grounded in the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) comprising principles, specifications, guidelines, application protocols (procedures and checklists) and best practices to aid sustainable management of energy, raw materials and other resources.

C. Concrete activities

(a) Develop, maintain and promote a comprehensive UNRMS that is compliant with UNFC and applicable to the resource life cycle and value chains. This work will involve improving and further developing principles, specifications, guidelines, application protocols, best practices and case studies to support sustainable management of energy and raw materials within the UNRMS framework (including, but not restricted to, renewable energy, anthropogenic resources, minerals, petroleum and nuclear fuel resources) in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and climate change mitigation (including through support for carbon capture and storage);

(b) Provide a UNRMS toolkit to support policymaking, national resource management planning and execution, business process innovation, capital allocation, financial reporting, sustainable development monitoring and reporting, with consideration of environmental and social factors as well as local needs and priorities in sustainable resource management, for the attainment of the SDGs;

(c) Develop principles, specifications, bridging documents, guidelines and protocols that support development of a project through all stages from conceptual studies, exploration/initial investigations, feasibility studies to production, eventual closure, site remediation and handover;

(d) Elaborate guidelines for recognition and strengthening the capabilities of competent persons in sustainable resource management and conduct related capacity-building, training courses, promotion and outreach programmes;

(e) Support application of UNRMS in different regions and countries in cooperation with the other UN regional commissions;

(f) Promote activities related to empowering women and addressing diversity and inclusion in the resource management sectors;

(g) Attract and channel extrabudgetary resources through a UNFC-UNRMS Trust Fund for support of the aforementioned activities and regional-, national-, and industrial-level applications;

(h) In addition, ECE member States could decide to develop other concrete and results-oriented activities within agreed mandates.
