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**Solicitation of Comments on the
Draft Guidance for the Application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources
for Mineral and Anthropogenic Resources in Europe**

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Expert Group on Resource Management (EGRM) is pleased to present for public comment the draft document “Draft Guidance for the Application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources for Mineral and Anthropogenic Resources in Europe”.

The Guidance has been developed to assist regional and national authorities to establish and maintain an inventory of primary and secondary raw materials projects in Europe. The inventory, in this case for mineral and anthropogenic resource projects, will be based on the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources for Resources (UNFC). UNFC offers clarity in capturing the technical feasibility and addressing the social and environmental issues to facilitate a project being developed and progressing to commerciality.

The objective of the Guidance is to facilitate:

- Regional European resource management: to enable and support coherent and consistent regional resource project classification and management policies and associated regulations at European level.
- National resource project management: to assist the development and implementation of sustainable resource management policies and regulations at a national level in Europe.
- Company internal business process innovation: to enable companies in Europe to develop and adopt business processes that are sustainable, profitable, socially inclusive, environmentally responsible, and resilient.

Public comments for this Guidance document will be accepted from 9 March 2022 until 6 June 2022. Comments should be provided via email (reserves.energy@un.org). All comments will be posted to the UNECE website. Full details of this public consultation are available on the UNECE website at: <https://unece.org/draft-guidance-application-united-nations-framework-classification-resources-unfc-mineral-and>.

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Yours sincerely,

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