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Matters relating to the Committee for Sustainable Energy

Decision relating to the “Request to strengthen the role of the ECE secretariat in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems for additional resources to support activities under the sustainable energy subprogramme”

Revised draft decision

The Executive Committee decides to submit the draft decision related to the “Request to strengthen the role of the ECE secretariat in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems for additional resources to support activities under the sustainable energy”, as contained in the annex of this document, to the seventieth session of the Commission for its consideration.



Annex

Request to strengthen the role of the ECE secretariat in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems for additional resources to support activities under the Sustainable energy subprogramme

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Considering a number of decisions of the Economic and Social Council concerning the sustainable energy subprogramme (United Nations International Framework Classification for Energy Reserves/Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities (1997/226), United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources (2004/233), Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Use in Coal Mines (2011/222), Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Recovery and Use from Abandoned Coal Mines (2021/249), Updated United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (2021/250),

Noting at its seventieth session the critical importance of building resilient energy systems in the ECE region, including sustainable resource management of critical raw materials (CRMs) and the development of sustainable value chains of CRMs, and progress toward a more circular economy in realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement targets,

Further noting that ECE member States are starting to prioritize building resilient energy systems and implementation of sustainable resource management tools, including the implementation of United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC) and United Nations Resource Management System (UNRMS) for social, environmental and economic performance improvements in natural resource management, including through the International Centres of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management and the International Centres of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane and supporting proper management of coal mine methane and abandoned mine methane,

Recalling that the regular budget support for the subprogramme, including staffing, has remained minimal and unchanged for the past many years,

1. *Decides* to request the Secretary-General to strengthen the role of the ECE secretariat in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems;
2. *Decides* to transmit to the Economic and Social Council at its session of 2023 a draft resolution on this issue for consideration and possible adoption.

Draft resolution of the Economic and Social Council to strengthen the role of the ECE secretariat in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems on the implementation of decision to request additional resources to support activities under the ECE Sustainable energy subprogramme

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the adoption by the seventieth session of the Economic Commission for Europe (Geneva, 18–19 April 2023) of decision xx (70), **by which the Economic Commission for Europe recommended to the Economic and Social Council endorsing the said decision, on the implementation of the decision to request additional resources to support activities under the Sustainable energy subprogramme, in particular, building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems, as well as outreach efforts**

Endorses decision xx (70) of the Economic Commission for Europe **and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the role of the ECE secretariat in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems . to request additional resources from the Secretary General to support activities under the Sustainable energy subprogramme, in particular, building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems, as well as outreach efforts.**
