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Seventh session
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday 29 October 2009*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Opening remarks from the Chairperson.
3. United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology 2009.
4. International Accounting Standards Board's Research Project on Extractive Activities.

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5. Project on promotion of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology in Central Asia and the Caucasus.
6. Projects and events in 2009 and 2010 to promote the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology.
7. Review of the programme of work for 2009/2010.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report of the meeting.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2009/3). The documents for the session will be posted on the ECE website as soon as they become available¹.

Item 2: Opening remarks from the Chairperson

2. The Chairperson will deliver opening remarks to the meeting.

Item 3: United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources 2009

3. At its sixth session, the Ad Hoc Group of Experts discussed the draft revised United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources (UNFC) 2009 (UNFC-2009) and agreed to follow-up on this topic at the seventh session. In this context the following issues will be discussed:

- (a) Revision of the UNFC;
- (b) Need and/or desirability for complementary texts for the UNFC; and
- (c) Options for governance of the UNFC.

4. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts at its sixth session agreed to revise the UNFC of 2004 and encourage members of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to test the Draft UNFC-2009 in their own work environment, whilst recognizing that it would need to be critically observed to detect the requirement for further development.

¹ <http://www.unece.org/energy/se/docs/spf7.html>

5. The meeting will consider a recommendation from the Bureau with respect to revising the UNFC of 2004 as developed by the special Task Force on Revision of the UNFC (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2009/5). The final Report of the UNFC Revision Task Force will be noted in this regard (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2009/6).
6. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts requested the Bureau to prepare a discussion paper on complementary texts (secondary rules) for the UNFC based on the Mapping Task Force Report and the discussions at the fifth session, including the discussions on the needs of applications pertaining to energy studies and government resource management, business process management and financial reporting (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2008/2, paragraph 18(f)).
7. A discussion paper has been prepared by the UNFC Revision Task Force to consider whether it is needed and/or desirable to develop specifications and guidelines for the UNFC (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2009/7). The approach taken by the Revision Task Force was to identify and evaluate various options, as the basis for facilitating application of UNFC-2009.
8. On the basis of the report of the Revision Task Force, and in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2009/2, Annex, paragraph (b)(i)), the meeting will consider whether it is needed and/or desirable to develop specifications and guidelines for the UNFC.
9. The programme of work for 2009/2010 requests the Bureau to consider the options for governance of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology (UNFC) and to invite the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to make a recommendation to the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its eighteenth session in November 2009. The current term of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts expires at the end of 2009.
10. The options for future governance of the UNFC will be discussed (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2009/8) and a recommendation agreed upon for presentation to the eighteenth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy.

Item 4: International Accounting Standards Board's Research Project on Extractive Activities

11. The International Accounting Standards Board Research Project on Extractive Activities is scheduled to issue a discussion paper on an International Financial Reporting Standard on accounting for Extractive Activities in the third quarter of 2009. The discussion paper will be reviewed as it pertains to the classification of commodities recoverable by extractive activities.

Item 5: Project on promotion of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology in Central Asia and the Caucasus

12. At the sixth session, the secretariat provided a briefing on the project proposal on "Development of Specifications for Application of the UNFC in Central Asia and Caucasus" that had been submitted for funding in the order of US\$ 36,000 from the ECE Technical Cooperation budget. It was agreed that if this project proposal received approval, the Ad Hoc Group of

Experts would support its implementation. The project was approved for funding in April 2009. Progress on implementation of the project will be discussed.

Item 6: Projects and events in 2009 and 2010 to promote the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology

13. Any projects and planned events in 2009 and 2010 to promote and/or test the UNFC will be discussed, including:

(a) EuroGeoSource Project Proposal on European Union Policy Support System for sustainable supply of Europe with energy and mineral resources (EU PSS for Energy & Minerals) as submitted by the Geological Survey of the Netherlands on 2 June 2009. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts was included as a member of the Project Advisory Board on the proposal submitted.

(b) the rescheduled International Workshop on “UNFC Theory and Practice” planned to be held in Poland in the second half of February 2010.

Item 7: Review of the programme of work for 2009/2010

14. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be given an opportunity to discuss and modify the programme of work for 2009/2010 as agreed at the sixth session (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2009/2), including proposing specific additional activities to be carried out during this period.

Item 8: Other business

15. The meeting may discuss any other pertinent issues that arise before or during the session, and that fall within the scope of the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (Annex to ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2009/2). Delegates are encouraged to notify the secretariat and Chair in advance if they wish to raise any issues under this agenda item.

Item 9: Adoption of the report of the meeting
