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[on the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Europe ([E/2023/15/Add.1](#))]

**2023/18. Best Practice Guidance for Effective Management of Coal Mine Methane at National Level: Monitoring, Reporting, Verification and Mitigation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* that, at its seventieth session, held in Geneva on 18 and 19 April 2023, the Economic Commission for Europe, in its decision G (70), annexed to the present resolution, endorsed the Best Practice Guidance for Effective Management of Coal Mine Methane at National Level: Monitoring, Reporting, Verification and Mitigation, of December 2021,<sup>1</sup> recommended that the Guidance be disseminated widely, invited States Members of the United Nations, international organizations and the regional commissions to consider the possibility of taking appropriate measures to ensure the application of the Guidance worldwide, and proposed to the Economic and Social Council that it recommend the application of the Guidance worldwide, and noting that this proposal does not have financial implications,

*Decides* to invite States Members of the United Nations, international organizations and the regional commissions to consider the possibility of taking appropriate measures to ensure the application of the Best Practice Guidance for Effective Management of Coal Mine Methane at National Level: Monitoring, Reporting, Verification and Mitigation worldwide.

*43rd plenary meeting  
25 July 2023*

<sup>1</sup> *ECE Energy Series* No. 71 (document ECE/ENERGY/139). United Nations publication, 2021.



**Annex****Decision G (70)****Best Practice Guidance for Effective Management of Coal Mine Methane at National Level: Monitoring, Reporting, Verification and Mitigation**

*The Economic Commission for Europe,*

1. *Recalling* its decision 4 of [E/ECE/1462](#) Annual Report (1 April 2009 to 31 March 2011);
  2. *Noting* the value of capturing and using recovered methane to increase energy supply and support energy system resilience in the short term and the value of increasing the capture and reduction of methane to achieve climate objectives in the long term;
  3. *Endorses* the “Best Practice Guidance for Effective Management of Coal Mine Methane at National Level: Monitoring, Reporting, Verification and Mitigation” (ECE/ENERGY/139), developed under the Committee’s Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition;
  4. *Recommends* that the Guidance be disseminated widely, inviting Member States of the United Nations, international organizations and the regional commissions to consider the possibility of taking appropriate measures to ensure the application of “Best Practice Guidance for Effective Management of Coal Mine Methane at National Level: Monitoring, Reporting, Verification and Mitigation” worldwide;
  5. *Decides* to propose to the Economic and Social Council to consider inviting Member States of the United Nations, international organizations and the regional commissions to apply the Best Practice Guidance for Effective Management of Coal Mine Methane at National Level and to transmit to the Council at its next session a draft decision on the issue for consideration and possible adoption.
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