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

2023/20. Request to strengthen the role of the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the adoption by the Economic Commission for Europe at its seventieth session, held in Geneva on 18 and 19 April 2023, of decision I (70), by which the Commission recommended that the Economic and Social Council endorse the decision,

Endorses Economic Commission for Europe decision I (70), annexed to the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the role of the secretariat of the Commission in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems.

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Annex

Decision I (70)

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The Economic Commission for Europe,

1. *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));

2. *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;

3. *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 the United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC) and the 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;

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

5. *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;

6. *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.
