

**EXPLANATORY NOTE DESCRIBING THE CHANGES THAT
HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE GEMEED TERMS OF REFERENCE SINCE THEY
WERE LAST ENDORSED**

- 1 The Terms of Reference of the Expert Group on Minerals and Energy Exploration and Development (GEMEED) were reviewed at its sixth meeting held in Mexico on the 16 October 2001.
- 2 The revisions include:
 - An improved statement of objectives incorporating the concept of the energy and mineral resources contribution to sustainable development.
 - Enhanced vision of relationships, following APEC procedures, with other international fora having mandates close to GEMEED, in order to develop and promote synergies in the area of mineral and energy exploration and development. This is designed to facilitate the interaction of GEMEED within an increasingly global environment.
 - An updating of the structure and organic that includes the GEMEED Chair, the Secretariat, subgroups.
 - A revised agenda for the annual meetings, according to the actual practices of the Expert Group along its work.
 - The statement of the present hosting of the Secretariat and the Chair is described in the Appendix to the GEMEED revised Terms of Reference.

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