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Letter dated 22 September 1967 addressed to the  
Chairman of the United Nations Conference on  
the Standardization of Geographical Names

by the Delegations of the People's Republic of Bulgaria,  
the Hungarian People's Republic, the People's Republic of  
Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

The attached letter from the Heads of the Delegations of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Hungarian People's Republic, the People's Republic of Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, addressed to the Chairman of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, is circulated to the representatives attending the Conference in accordance with the request to that effect contained in the letter.

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To the  
Chairman of the  
United Nations Conference on the  
Standardization of Geographical Names  
Geneva

Mr. Chairman,

In a letter addressed to you on September 21, 1967 (E/Conf.53/L.85) some delegations to the Conference claim that solely the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany was authorized to speak in the name of Germany as the representative of the German people in international affairs.

The undersigned delegations, proceeding from the undeniable existence of two German states, resolutely reject this pretension as being contradictory to the real situation and international law. They state that the maintenance of the claim referred to above seriously impedes peaceful international co-operation on the basis of the United Nations Charter.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Conference.

(Signed)

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