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GEOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARIES

Draft resolution submitted by Guatemala

The Conference,

Noting that some countries have published gazetteers in which names are listed according to administrative-political divisions, thus causing difficulty in their effective use outside the countries concerned,

Further noting that some countries do not include in these publications such pertinent information as geographical co-ordinates and elevation figures, nor explanatory maps, sketches and photographs,

Recommends that wherever possible in the publication of gazetteers:

- (a) Names should be listed in strict alphabetical order of their specific elements, with definite articles and similar prefixes being shown at the end of the entry;
- (b) Each place or feature should be located by geographical co-ordinates to the nearest minute, supplemented in the case of natural features by elevation figures;
- (c) The sheet number and name of the map (at the largest scale possible), from which the name was taken or on which the place or feature may be located, should be given;
- (d) A map or sketch of political-administrative divisions should be appended;
- (e) Such ancillary material as photographs, which may aid in better geographical understanding by the user, should be included.