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Reports by divisions and Governments
on the situation in their regions and
countries and on the progress made in
the standardization of geographical
names since the Second United Nations
Conference on the Standardization of
Geographical Names

REPORT BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON THE STATE
OF THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

Paper presented by the Government of the
Federal Republic of Germany

Abstract

In pursuit of resolution 4 on the standardization of geographical names, adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, 1/ and in implementation of the recommendations for the preparation of national gazetteers, confirmed by the Second Conference, 2/ the Federal Republic of Germany started to compile and publish a gazetteer of the Federal Republic of Germany. All names appearing on the topographic map 1:500,000 will be included. The gazetteer will be published in the form of separate volumes, one for each Land (Federal State of the Bundesrepublik). The volume Niedersachsen has been published as the first volume. It is submitted herewith for the convenience of participants

1/ United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Geneva, 4-22 September 1967, vol. I, Report of the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.68.I.9), chap. III.

2/ Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, London, 10-31 May 1972, vol. I, Report of the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.74.I.2), chap. II, para. 31.

in the Conference. Special working papers have been submitted which contain information on the size and form of the gazetteer and the experience gained in the use of automatic data-processing in compiling it.

Following a suggestion of the Ständiger Ausschub für Geographische Namen (StAGN), the Deutsches Hydrographisches Institut Hamburg compiled a list of standardized geographical names shown at the coast of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea within the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Foreign Office, in co-operation with the Federal Department of the Interior, published a revised Ländernamenliste (list of country names) in the German spelling for official use. 3/

The Ständiger Ausschub für Geographische Namen has continued to compile the German World Gazetteer; the volume covering Europe came out in 1966.

3/ See Gemeinsames Ministerialblatt 28 Jg. No. 10, 20 April 1977.