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RECOMMENDATIONS ON ISSUES RELATED TO TREATMENT OF PLACE-NAMES

APPROVED BY CONFERENCE ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

The United Nations Secretariat should maintain a list of national authorities dealing with geographical names the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names recommended this afternoon.

The recommendation was one of several contained in the Conference's final report which was approved, in part, today. The Conference endorsed a series of recommendations of its Working Group on Evaluation including the need to promote national and divisional activities in the field of cartography and the need for written, rather than oral, national reports at future conferences..

By another resolution, the Conference recommended that the Secretariat compile and publish toponymic guidelines prepared by national authorities for editors of maps and other publications.

The Conference also recommended that the Economic and Social Council establish a working group on information, publicity and funding, within the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. It recommended that the working group investigate methods by which adequate funds could be allocated for the Group's activities.

By another resolution, the Conference recommended revising the aims and functions of the statute of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names in such a way as to improve the Group's functioning.

Also today, the Conference recommended that Brazil, El Salvador, Spain, Mexico, Portugal and Venezuela re-activate the Latin America Division of the Group of Experts.

At the request of the United States, the Conference postponed, until tomorrow, approval of a draft resolution recommending that the Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names be convened in Iran, in the second half of 1997.

The Conference will meet again at 10 a.m. tomorrow, 3 September, to approve the remainder of its final report and take action on draft recommendations dealing with technical and international programmes.

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