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PROPOSAL FOR LIMITATION OF UNGEGN DISCUSSIONS TO THE TRUE BUSINESS OF NAMES STANDARDIZATION (Submitted by the Dutch and German-speaking Division)

The Dutch and German-speaking Division reiterates the request made by several experts during former Sessions and expressed in written form in Working Paper No.13 of the Eighth Session (1979) to exclude political matters, especially such as political sovereignty, from the debates of the UNGEGN.

Such matters should remain within the competence of the General Assembly or even the Security Council.

The inclusion of political discussions will not only prevent the UNGEGN from solving its true problems, but it might even discredit the whole work of the Group of Experts.

The Division suggests that the Group of Experts might consider, wether this subject could be included in the planned new joint edition of "aims and functions" and "modus operandi", and wether a corresponding recommandation could be made for further U.N. Conferences.