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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON EVALUATION. FACTUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE FIVE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

Resolutions pertaining to geographical names adopted at the Twelfth United Nations Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, 20-28 February 1991 (Submitted by the Secretariat)

Promotion of hydrographic surveying and nautical services in the region

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The Conference,

Recalling Resolution of of the 11th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific,

Noting that the International Hydrographic Organization has recently published at the request of, and in cooperation with, the United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, SP-55 "Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide", first edition, January 1991,

Noting further, that this report is based on incomplete information,

<u>Requests</u> the United Nations Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to distribute IHO publication SP-55 as widely as possible.

Recommend that Coastal States in the Asia and the Pacific region should give urgent study to the IHO Publication SP-55 and should report any changes required and any new information needed to complete the report to reach the International Hydrographic Bureau in Monaco, by 1 January 1992,

Requests further the International Hydrographic Organization to issue updated editions of its SP-55 at regular, two-yearly intervals and report on the status to the 13th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific. The Conference,

<u>Recalling</u> resolution 18 of the Eleventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific,

<u>Recognizing</u> the importance of national programmes of geographical names standardization,

<u>Recognizing further</u> the progress achieved in the standardization of geographical names by member countries of the Division of Asia South East and Pacific South West,

Endorses the decision of the member countries of the Division of Asia, South East and Pacific, South West of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names that New Zealand is elected as the Divisional Representative. This decision was taken during the Ad Hoc meeting of member countries on 25 February 1991 at the venue of the 12th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and Pacific, Bangkok.

<u>Records</u> with appreciation the invaluable contributions of Malaysia as the outgoing divisional representative.