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Minority language problems

The Conference,

Noting that in some areas, e.g. the Lappish-speaking part of northern Europe, a minority language is spoken inside the territory of more than one country,

Further noting that geographical names in the minority language are sometimes spelled according to different principles in the different countries where the minority language is spoken,

Recognizing the desirability of a uniform treatment of the minority-language names in such areas,

Recommends that the countries in question, in consultation, where possible, with native speakers of the minority language,

- (a) adopt a common orthography for all geographical names of the minority language,
- (b) use this orthography for the standardization of the minority-language place names in their territory,
- (c) publish the standardized names in their official maps and national gazetteers.