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Milestones of actions and the creation of divisions and working groups

Summary**

The report provides historical data on the work of the United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names and of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

Fifty milestones are presented to mark the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the First Conference, and those individuals who presided over the work of the Conferences and the Group are acknowledged. Also included is a chronology of the formation of the divisions and working groups of the Group.

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