

1. HISTORY OF TOPOONYMIC GUIDELINES

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Contents of the first proposal for national toponymic guidelines by Austria

- Languages
- Names authorities and names standardization
- Source material
- Glossary of generic terms, appellatives, adjectives and other words necessary for the understanding of maps
- Abbreviations used on official maps
- Methods of differentiating toponyms from other texts on national maps

History of Toponymic Guidelines

- In 1979, **Austria** submitted Toponymic guidelines to the UNGEGN.
- At their 5th Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Montreal 1987), in resolution V-14 the UN recommended that this initiative be followed by all member states.
- By 1989, more than 25 countries had published their own Guidelines.

See the website of [UN resolutions \(English \(pdf\)\)](#)

UN res. IV-4 Publ. of toponymic guidelines

Guidelines should contain information on:

- Legal status of toponyms in multilingual Countries
- Alphabets of the language(s)
- Spelling rules for toponyms
- Aids to pronunciation of toponyms
- Linguistic substrata recognisable, if it benefits cartography
- Relationship language vs dialects
- Areal distribution of dialects
- Names authorities
- Source material
- Glossary of words needed for understanding maps
- Abbreviations in official maps
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