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**Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions  
on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic  
and social benefits**

### **Database of resolutions of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names**

Submitted by the Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation \*\*

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## **Summary**

Based on a consensus reached during the meeting of the Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation in April 2008, a database was created for the 195 UNCSGN resolutions adopted from the First to the Ninth Conferences to improve access to them on-line. This English version database, which has been available since May 2009, has been recently followed by a French version established in June 2012. The database allows resolutions to be searched by conference, subject, title or word, and complete texts of the resolutions are available for download. The two language versions can be accessed at the website <http://www.land.go.kr/ungegn> hosted by National Geographic Information Institute (NGII) of the Republic of Korea, which is also linked through the UNGEGN web page: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEKN/confGeneral.html>. Resolutions that will be adopted at the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference are to be included when they are ready.

# Database for UNCSGN Resolutions

## 1. Background

One of the major functions of the Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation is to review the resolutions and report on their implementation. This is clarified by the followings:

- Resolution V/4: "The Conference recommends a working group be established to.... review the resolutions adopted by the UNCSGN and report on their implementation...."
- "The mandate of the working group would include .....finding ways and means of effectively implementing relevant resolutions on the standardization of geographical names by UN member states."

During the working group meeting on 21-23 April 2008, there was considerable discussion about assessing the extent of implementation and effectiveness of resolutions. A consensus was reached that, before conducting further surveys on this topic, it would be more useful to develop a user-friendly web-structured access to resolutions, searchable by subject and key words. According to this consensus, a project to create a database of 195 resolutions adopted from the First to the Ninth Conference was launched. This English database has been serviced since May 2009. This project was technically and financially supported by National Geographic Information Institute (NGII) of the Republic of Korea.

At the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of UNGEGN in May 2011, it was discussed to establish other language versions. After the session, NGII took the initiative to provide technical support for a French version. This version, after a review by the French-speaking Division of UNGEGN, began to be serviced in June 2012.

## 2. Structure of the Database

The two language versions can be accessed at the website <http://www.land.go.kr/ungegn> hosted by NGII, which is also linked through the UNGEGN web page: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEgn/confGeneral.html>.

At the home page, the user is guided to search by each of the nine Conferences or by topics. When searching by topics, 26 general subject headings first grouped by a former Secretary of UNGEGN, Max de Henseler, in 1987 at the Fifth Conference are used. Some of the resolutions belong to more than one subject heading. The French version, which has the same structure as the English one, can be accessed at the home page.

It should be noted that the NGII is prepared to provide the database software for the other UN languages. Resolutions that will be adopted at the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference are to be included when they are ready.