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SUMMARY OF THE REPORT PRESENTED BY TURKEY TO THE  
THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE  
STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

Turkey carries out her work on the Standardization of Geographical Names through a Permanent Commission of Experts, consisting of Professors, cartographers, topographers and representatives of the ministries concerned. The names of all inhabited places are standardized and consolidated by this Commission in various official publications. Studies on the standardization of names of natural features still continue. It is considered appropriate to review the composition and work of this Commission and to reorganize it if necessary, in such a manner that it will be in a position to contribute more to the international activities and to speed up the work already carried out on the standardization of geographical names, taking into consideration the resolutions to be adopted to this end at the Third Conference - which will be acceptable to Turkey - as well as the studies made by other countries in this regard.

Work on the standardization of geographical names are carried out, especially during the recent years, in a manner more closely linked with map production activities and as a result, it is planned to produce sheets of 1/1.000.000 scale International World Maps covering Turkey, together with a gazatteeer.

Turkey appreciates the training courses to be arranged by the United Nations on the Standardization of Geographical Names and is in favour of closer co-operation among international organizations as well as their collaboration with the countries concerned in this regard.

Turkey, as a country which believes in the preservation of peace and the important role played by the United Nations to this end, supports the continuation of international activities on the standardization of geographical names (as she would any other work that contributes to world peace and international co-operation) and is of the opinion that regional meetings in this regard should be encouraged. The activities of Turkey on the standardization of geographical names and her views on the agenda items are explained in detail in the report that follows.