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GEOGRAPHICAL/LINGUISTIC COVERAGE OF ALL AFRICAN LINGUISTIC GROUPS

Draft resolution submitted by Liberia
(Supported by Zambia and Uganda)

The Conference,

Noting that this Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names is duly empowered by the United Nations Economic and Social Council to establish the standardization of place names on national and international levels, and

Realizing that in the interim of United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names, a Group of Experts is authorized by the preceding Conference to serve as its interim working and research representative to formulate specifications and programmes for the review and approval of succeeding conferences, and

Further realizing that there is need to expand the present coverage of representation of the Group of Experts so as to accommodate all the problems of the geographical/linguistic regions of Africa in the same detailed manner as is afforded other continents,

Recommends that the number of the divisions in the group of experts representing Africa South of the Sahara shall henceforth be increased to three under the following names and coverage:

- (a) AFRICA WEST covering sixteen (16) countries as follows:
Cape Verde, Mauritania, Mali, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea,
Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Upper Volta,
Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Niger and Nigeria.
- (b) AFRICA CENTRAL covering eleven (11) countries as follows:
Sao Tome and Principe, Chad, Central African Empire, Cameroon,
Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, Zaire, Rwanda, Burundi and Angola.
- (c) AFRICA EAST covering thirteen (13) countries as follows:
Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana,
Swaziland, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, Comoros and Seychelles.