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NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION

REPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA\*\*

Paper presented by Cuba

Summary

It is indicated in the national report of Cuba that the most important development with regard to the standardization of geographical names in Cuba was the promulgation by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba of Decree No. 67 of 15 May 1980 establishing a National Commission on Geographical Names as a permanent interagency body under the Council of Ministers.

The paper outlines the chief functions and powers of the National Commission and contains a discussion of the principle embodied in the Decree, to the effect that "geographical names created and used by the people are expressions of the country's cultural heritage and the conservation of such names, as it relates to their correctness and accuracy in terms of their historical origins, forms part of the country's traditions and customs, which, as a unifying factor, foster the existence and development of Cuban nationality".

Lastly, the paper indicates that the basis for national standardization activities in Cuba is the country's own experience, international experience and compliance with the agreements and resolutions of the United Nations conferences and the groups of experts of such conferences.

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