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The necessity of the Standardization of Geographical Names

Paper presented by the International Geographical Union

The International Geographical Union (IGU) follows with great interest the steps taken by the United Nations promoting national and international standardization of geographical names. The IGU is fully aware of the great importance of the standardization of geographical names and supports the respective activities of the United Nations. The IGU agrees that national standardization is a prerequisite to international standardization and acknowledges with great satisfaction the progress made in many countries of the world in this field since the First United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Geneva, 1967.

The IGU would be greatly interested in the compilation by the United Nations of a concise International Gazetteer of the World. Such a gazetteer should contain a selection of standardized geographical names provided by the Member States of the United Nations.

The IGU approves especially the project "Toponymic Guidelines for Cartography" which has made good progress between 1979 and the date of this Conference. This is a significant step in the right direction.

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