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During the interval since the 10th UNGEGN session in Geneva, Switzerland in 1982, the division did not undertake any formal meetings. This situation reflects the fact that the members of the division see very few matters that require their formal attention, insofar as UNGEGN programs are concerned.

As before, there continued to be a lively exchange of communications concerning issues that affect their respective national names programs. The US Board on Geographic Names and the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, through their undersea feature committees, corresponded on a number of proposals for names of features that were before the committees for approval action. In this way, the two countries implemented the UNGEGN agreement concerning exchange of information about undersea names. In addition, correspondence between the countries continued to be useful in resolving problems about differing names of features extending on both sides of the border.

At the national level, representatives of the official names agencies participated in various academic, professional, and regional meetings to present papers or to discuss toponymic topics.