

Agenda Item 13

INSTITUTIONALIZING OF THE LINGUISTIC-GEOGRAPHICAL
DIVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
UNITED NATIONS

(Submitted by the Dutch and German-speaking Division)

The fact that the Linguistic-Geographical Divisions are not institutionalized within the framework of the U.N. has hindered some Divisions in their practice work.

Therefore, it is suggested that the UNGEGN may consider steps for achieving such an institutionalizing.

The present state has disadvantages concerning the following points:

- (1) Possibilities for delegating experts by countries to divisional meetings and for refunding travelling expenses and expenditures of stay.
- (2) Expenditures for material, producing and copying of documents, and for dispatch by the division chairman.
- (3) Occasional expenditures for rent and lighting.

It would be advantageous that the U.N. might inform the Foreign Offices of the countries about the functions and the position within the U.N. of the Linguistic-Geographical Divisions and ask these Offices to support the activities of the Divisions.

The institutionalizing of the Divisions certainly will enable them to intensify their activities.