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C o n c i s e n a t i o n a l l i s t s

In the period 1987-88 some states of the Tenth United Nations linguistic/geographical division have made great progress in the compilation of national lists and they have put nearer to the implementation of the resolution 35 of the Second Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names which recommends the issue of concise national lists of standardized names from own territory and the speed-up a process of the standardization on international level.

In 1988 Poland rounded off many years' work with official national list containing 28, 000 standardized names of seats and physical/geographical objects. The choice of names is based on a map at the scale 1:500, 000. The list is designed not only for domestic users but also for foreign ones. It is completed by explanatory notes in English. Four maps at the scale 1:1, 500, 000 enclosed with the list represent administrative division, natural regions, forests with reservations and country parks, historical and ethnographical regions. In 1989 the list will be adopted by the Commission of the determination of residential names and names of physical/geographical objects. The number of copies is 3, 000.

Czechoslovakia finished the compilation of concise national list containing 6, 000 names excerpted from a map at the scale 1: 750, 000. The list "Geographical Names of Czechoslovakia" is divided into two parts: the Czech Socialist Republic and the Slovak Socialist Republic with the list of the seats /with the number of inhabitants over 1, 000/ and the list of the most important physical/geographical objects.

The publication is completed by administrative and physical/geographical maps of the CSSR at the scale 1:750, 000. The list is designed mainly for foreign users in accordance with the resolution 35/II, but a wide use is expected also by the public and domestic institutions. The list will be published in the first half-year of 1990.