

Agenda item 7

RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES ADOPTED AT  
THE 4th UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE  
FOR THE AMERICAS, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, JANUARY 23-27, 1989

7. Geographical names of undersea features

The Conference,

Noting that the International Hydrographic Organization has published BP008, "Gazetteer of geographical names of undersea features shown (or which might be added) on the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) and on the IHO small-scale INT chart series",

Recognizing that it is desirable that only approved names should be used internationally for undersea feature names,

1. Recommends that BP008 should be brought to the attention of scientists and other authors of published articles which include reference to undersea features;
2. Further recommends that national mapping and charting authorities ensure that only the approved names included in BP008 appear on their published charts covering areas beyond their continental shelf.

8. Standardization of geographical names

The Conference,

Recalling the past geographic names standardization activities of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History,

Recognizing the success of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographic Names, held at Montreal, Canada, from 18 to 31 August 1987,

Further Recognizing that the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, with the support of the United States Defense Mapping Agency, sponsored a course on geographic names in 1987,

Taking into account the importance of the standardization of geographic names in national mapping programmes,

1. Endorses the efforts of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History;
2. Recommends that nations recognize the importance of standardization in the region;
3. Urges national cartographic agencies to co-operate to achieve this standardization.

9. Training course in toponymy

The Conference,

Recognizing that past courses in toponymy sponsored by the United Nations have been successful, and considering that a need for further training exists among Spanish-speaking Member nations in the Americas,

Recommends that the United Nations seek appropriate funding for such a course to be held in the region.

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