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It is with much pleasure to advise that the brochure the Working Group has been working on for some time has finally been printed in English. Following the acceptance of the design and layout with some amendments to the text of the brochure at the last UNGEGN session, maps and pictures were sourced and incorporated into the layout.

The cost of the brochure preparation has been sponsored by the Australian Intergovernmental Committee on Survey and Mapping, with additional support by the Victorian Government through Land Victoria, the management of design and layout by Jessica Wilkinson of Melbourne and its printing by the Surveyor General of New South Wales through the Land Information Centre at Bathurst.

Copies of the brochure, which sets out the benefits of consistent use of place names and the work of UNGEGN, will be tabled at the 20th session.

A mechanism for the distribution of the brochure to countries world wide needs to be effectively determined and agreed by the experts attending the 20th session. Plans also need to be made to have the brochure produced in languages other than English.

Unfortunately the Working Group has not been able to develop any effective funding arrangements for the activities of UNGEGN other than the funding of the brochure in English.

I wish to thank all members of the Working Group and all those who have contributed to the brochure for their help and support. Australia will not be able to continue to convene the Working Group.

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