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Report of the Romano-Hellenic Division *

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REPORT OF THE ROMANO-HELLENIC DIVISION

After the 22nd GENUNG Session, the Romano-Hellenic Division has gone on coordinating the activities of the member Countries, in particular stimulating the national experts to focus on the important targets set up by the UN concerning the geographical names. The Division has made further efforts towards the involvement of those member Countries not yet taking part, up to now, in the common works, with the purpose of activating them in the frame of the UN great project. Regarding this item, I am pleased to announce the request of Andorra to become a member of the Romano-Hellenic Division.

Concerning the advancements which each member Country has performed in the field of standardization of geographical names, they will be illustrated by the national representatives during the works of this GENUNG Session.

After the meeting held in New York during the 22nd GENUNG Session, the Romano-Hellenic Division members met from 30th May to 1rst June 2005 in Lefkas (Greece).

The following items have been given particular attention during the meeting:

- National Standardization;
- Toponymic Data Files;
- Exonyms;
- Toponymic Web Sites;
- Multilingual Glossary.

During the meeting, the importance of GENUNG documents distribution has been evidenced and the experts have been encouraged to largely spread the information on the UN activity, not only through the illustrative brochure, but also through both advanced and popular scientific publications.

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