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The national Committee of the normalization of geographical names had its irregular meetings during the period between the Conference of Geneva and the present one.

Some small modifications have been proposed by the committee to add to the system of the romanization of geographical names proposed by the Iranian delegation in the Geneva Conference.

1) in order to avoid all sorts of misunderstandings and misreadings the national committee has proposed that the combined letters representing single sounds should be underlined e.g. kh for , sh for

2) since there is no difference in pronunciation of four signs for sounds (i.e. , , ,) and three sounds (, ,) and two sounds (,), in order to avoid all sorts of misunderstandings and misreadings, the national Committee proposed either to omit the diacritical signs showing the different arabic letters, or to describe the matter in the map keys.

It is also necessary to bring to your attention that 1/1,000,000 map of Iran is prepared. Also the maps of 1/50,000 and 1/250,000 scale are in preparation and their field operation is already finished.

The geographical names are indexed and catalogued and at present over 80,000 index cards with full description are ready. These will help us to publish a new geographical dictionary and gazetteers which are decided to be published.