2.   Further recommends that in the introduction to this type of gazetteer reference should be made to recommendation E of resolution 4 of the First United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names. 22/

3.   Automated data processing

The Conference,

Considering the importance of resolution 3 of the First Conference 23/ and resolution 30 of the Second Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, 24/

Noting the plans for publishing gazetteers under the auspices of the United Nations, including a concise gazetteer of the world based on national standard names,

Recognizing the expanding use of automated data processing for the management of geographical names information and the production of gazetteers,

1.   Recommends that the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names consider the problem of compatibility of systems on geographic-name information (data elements) 25/ compiled by different nations for gazetteers and automated data processing systems;

2.   Further recommends that the Group of Experts recognize the importance of the compatibility of output media generated by automated data processing (such as magnetic tapes) so that geographic-name information may be made available to international users in other than the printed form.

4.   Reliability statement on geographical names in documents

The Conference,

Recognizing the desirability of providing information on the basis of which users may judge the accuracy of names contained in a particular names source document,

1.   Recommends that in such documents information be provided on whether the names concerned have been approved by the national names authority or are in a provisional form. In either event the maximum possible information should be provided as to the source of the names - for example, whether field-collected, gathered from documentary sources or specially bestowed; .

22/ United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, vol. I ..., p. 11.

23/ Ibid., p. 9.

24/ Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, p. 15.

25/ Data elements are the result of separating data into categories for the purpose of determining the arrangement of gazetteers by vertical or horizontal columns or for the descriptive coding of data for either gazetteer layout or automatic data processing.