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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION WITH REGARD TO PUBLICATIONS
CONTAINING GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

Draft resolution submitted by Guatemala

The Conference,

Considering that both the first United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, held at Geneva in September 1967, and the Second Conference, which took place in London in May 1972, took up the question of the understanding, acceptance and publication of geographical names standardized at the national level and used in publications by other countries,

Considering also that for various reasons, and sometimes despite every effort, errors have been made in matters of location and in the spelling of toponyms and their categories by those concerned with the production of publications such as gazetteers, maps, etc., of an international character,

Recommends that

(a) When a national entity publishes works containing geographical names and their locations or maps of other countries, it should, in each case, request, through the appropriate channels and in advance, the information it requires from the specialized official entity of the country concerned, in order to ensure that the geographical names are spelled correctly and that the locations and altitudes of the places are as accurate as possible,

(b) When a specialized office or unit compiles the information referred to in paragraph (a) above, it should, before reproducing and/or distributing it, transmit two copies of the original to the country concerned, specifying the time limit by which one of the copies, with the indication of any necessary additions or amendments, should be returned. If no communication has been received by the agreed date and if there is written evidence that the material was duly received by the party concerned, it shall be assumed that the latter has no objection to it and, consequently, the material shall be accepted as correct for all relevant purposes,

(c) The number of copies of the publication in question to be transmitted to the country concerned shall also be decided upon by mutual agreement.