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**Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations
resolutions on the standardization of geographical names****Commemorative naming of geographical features
in Canada****Submitted by Canada******Summary*****

At the twenty-second session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names held in 2004, Canada had presented a paper on the history of commemorative naming practices in Canada beginning with the establishment of the national naming authority in 1897. In June 2006, the Geographical Names Board of Canada adopted guidelines for the commemorative naming of geographical features. The guidelines are intended to provide standards and to ensure consistency in practices across Canada, and to serve as a model for those naming authorities wishing to establish their own guidelines.

The guidelines include an introduction, providing background on the reasons for creating the document, and set out both guiding principles and the procedures to be followed in commemorative naming. An appendix to the guidelines gives contact information for the naming authorities in the provinces and territories of Canada that are responsible for making naming decisions.

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*** The full text of the paper is being issued in English and French in documents E/CONF.98/102/Add.1/EN and E/CONF.98/102/Add.1/FR.

