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### Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

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**Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic and social benefits**

### Report on the implementation of United Nations resolutions by New Zealand

#### Summary\*\*

The report focuses on five resolutions of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, chosen for their relevance to the work of the national naming authority of New Zealand, the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa. A total of 20 other resolutions relevant to New Zealand are listed in the report and information on them and on their implementation will be provided at a future conference.

The Board has, through its policies, practices, processes and protocols, given practical effect to the application and adoption of the Conference resolutions on national standardization, preparation of gazetteers, automated data processing/digital data, maritime and undersea feature names, and names of features beyond a single sovereignty.

The Board was formally established in 1946, having existed for the previous 22 years as the Honorary Geographic Board of New Zealand. It has worked, since the establishment of the Conference, to implement the relevant resolutions. The Board's naming role has been developed and refined over the years to reflect lessons learned and changing attitudes and to uphold best practice naming principles.

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\*\* The full report was prepared by Wendy Shaw, Secretary of the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa, and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.

