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The Republic of Kenya was last represented in the meeting of the UNGEGN during the Ninth Session held in New York from 17th to 27th February, 1981. As reported by the Chairman, Africa East Division, it was not possible to send a representative during the 10th Session and the 4th Conference held in Geneva from 23rd August to 15th September, 1982.

However, standardization of geographical names has continued steadily. The major activity has been collecting and processing new geographical names during new compilation and revision of topographical maps. Since the ninth session when Kenya was last represented, a total of 222 maps have been dealt with for which about 7000 new names were collected and processed by Standing Committee on Standardization of Geographical Names. The new names have been entered in the revision copy of the official gazetteer together with 38 corrections.

A few difficulties have been encountered during collection of names where new 1:50,000 scale maps were being compiled for the first time. The areas involved were mainly extensive districts and sparsely populated. Names especially of natural features could not be collected thoroughly while pronunciation and spelling could not be guaranteed to be correct.

During the period the number of personnel with field experience has decreased for various reasons necessitating training additional ones. As no proper course has been organized so far, Kenya would be interested in any training course mounted through U.N.G.E.G.N.