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Paragraph 64 of the Report of the Eleventh Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names requested that a statement on the work of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) be prepared for this Twelfth Session.

In fact SCAR, which is a Committee of the International Council of Scientific Unions, is not a recognised authority on name-giving and does not possess a set of procedures on this subject. Established national procedures do, however, exist within most of the interested nations, and there is currently some collaboration among these nations. Because of the particular political circumstances of the Antarctic, however, it is strongly recommended that the present arrangements should not be altered by the additional participation of any international Group or Committee.