REPORT
OF THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE TOPONYMIC GUIDELINES FOR
MAP AND OTHER EDITORS ON THE PROGRESS MADE

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(1) The countries listed below have already produced "Toponymic Guidelines". The newest editions are mentioned after the names of the countries.


(2) The Co-ordinator has conducted an extensive correspondence with other experts of UNGEGN on the subject of compiling or revising "Toponymic Guidelines" of their respective countries.
The "Toponymic Guidelines" - Austria, which had been recommended as a sample of format and contents by the 4th U.N. Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in its Resolution 4, has been printed in World Cartography, ed. by the U.N., vol. XVIII, New York 1986 on pp. 33-45.

The "Toponymic Guidelines" were appreciated in the Report of the 3rd U.N. Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas, 1985 (vol. I of the Report, New York 1985, p. 18). The "Toponymic Guidelines" of the following countries were submitted to this Conference as documents by the Secretariat of the Conference:

- Austria, Canada, Suriname, U.S.A.
- France were submitted as a document by the French Institut géographique national.

It is expected that these "Toponymic Guidelines" will be published in vol. II of the Report of the 3rd U.N. Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.

It may be expected that the "Toponymic Guidelines" of the other countries listed under item 2 a of Information Paper No. 6 of the 11th Session of UNGEGN, 1984, i.e. Guatemala, the Federal Republic of Germany, and Finland, will be published at the next opportunity i.e., in the Report of the 11th U.N. Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific in 1986.

The Co-ordinator proposes that UNGEGN may consider possibilities for the publication of the "Toponymic Guidelines" of all countries and should like to remind UNGEGN that it was agreed at the 11th Session "that the guidelines were not only valuable for domestic use but also provided valuable information and direction for external cartographic organizations and other publishers" (Document ESA/RT/C/GN/9, 19/1/1985, p.19, par. 65, last sentence).