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The Ninth session of the Tenth United Nations linguistic/geographical division /Bratislava, March 1989/ was concerned with the Glossary of Technical Terminology Employed in the Standardization of Geographical Names /here in after called Glossary 330/ which had been at the participants of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names /Montreal, August 1987/ disposal, and with the possibilities of its utilization by linguistic/geographical division.

In terms of the preparation for the session Poland and Czechoslovakia had studied the Glossary 330 in more detail. The session of linguistic/geographical division adopted submitted recommendation.

- with regard to its function the Glossary 330 will be suitable base for the compilation of national glossaries in member states of the linguistic/geographical division and so it will be needful aid for the communication;

- in order to achieve better implementation of the Glossary function there would be useful to study its completeness and to complement it with other terms to the extent that separate groups of terms will be equalized to one another /e.g. under an entry "toponym - toponymy - toponymic object"/.

We propose to complete also those terms which follow from the structure and from the form of geographical names, and the definitions of those scientific disciplines which are closely connected with the standardization of geographical names. There are the terms:
lexeme, word
syllable
one-verbal proper name
one-verbal geographical name
multi-verbal proper name
multi-verbal geographical name
syllabic letters
logographic, ideographic letters
substantive, nouns
adjective
preposition
orthoepery, correct pronunciation
g eography
hydrography
orography
cosmography
cartography
onymy
g eonymy
hydronymy
oronymy

cosronym
on ymic object
orographic object

omenclature
terminology
g eographical names
standardized geographical name
historical proper name
domestic proper name
foreign proper name
historical geographical name
domestic geographical name
foreign geographical name
The last three terms were excerpted from original proposal of the Tenth United Nations linguistic/geographical division which was submitted at the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names under the number E/CONF.79/L.63. Other terms of this proposal are included in the Glossary 330.