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It appeared from the reports submitted to the 10th session of the UN Regional Group X /Prague, June 1991/ by its member states that the recommendations Nr.IV/4, V/5 and V/14 issued by the UN conferences have not been followed satisfyingly. The Principles of Geographical Names Creation in Poland incorporated into the publication entitled Nazwy geograficzne Rzeczypospolitej polskiej /1991/ have merely part-way met the requirements which were postulated by recommendations for toponymic directions publishing. Hungary has been preparing an revised edition of the toponymic directions first published in 1981; the CSFR published the toponymic directions in 1987. In Bulgaria no changes have been recorded since the last session of the Regional Group X.

At the 10th session of the Regional Group X /1991/ those member states which had not published any toponymic directions till then were recommended to approach to their publishing. Participants of the discussion undertook to respect the recommendations of the 9th session of the Regional Group X /1991; agenda item 6/ when elaborating or updating the toponymic directions and moreover, to complement them with regulations for contradistinguishing between toponyms and the maps non-toponymic text.