Agenda item 5

Toponymic Activities in Austria since the 14th session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names in 1989

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Toponymic data files

- already available: the data file of the Gazetteer of Austria containing all names of inhabited places; the Index of Buildings containing the names of all streets as a sub-index (both at the Austrian Central Statistical Office)

- in elaboration: GEONAM containing all names on the official Austrian Map 1:50,000 (at the Federal Office of Metrology and Geodesy); a data file on toponyms of Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (at the Austrian Institute of East and Southeast European Studies)

Concise national gazetteers

- Survey of the Communes of Austria 1.1.1991, ed. by the Austrian Central Statistical Office

- "Ortschaflen" [settlement units] according to communes, ed. by the Austrian Central Statistical Office

Toponymic Guidelines for Map and Other Editors: Austrian edition revised in September 1991 by Josef Breu

Country names: ÖNORM A 2659 regarding codes for country names, names of languages and currencies, ed. by the Austrian Institute for Standardization

Standardization in multilingual areas: The new official Gazetteer of Austria, ed. by the Austrian Central Statistical Office, will contain the Slovenian names of settlements in the federal province of Carinthia as they were registered by Act 308/1977 of the Republic of Austria

Publication of further gazetteers and maps:

- Index volume completing the Atlas of the Danubian Countries, ed. by Josef Breu on behalf of the Austrian Institute of East and Southeast European Studies. It contains all the current names of the maps in the 1.2 million scale, the corresponding exonyms in English, French, Russian and the languages of the Danubian region, as well as older forms and forms in non-latin scripts

- A map on the administrative subdivision of Eastern and Southeastern Europe with a names index, published in the framework of the Atlas of Eastern and Southeastern Europe, ed. by the Austrian Institute of East and Southeast European Studies.

The Austrian Board on Geographical Names (AKO) continued its work and established a working group with the task of elaborating rules and materials for the use of German exonyms in school atlases and other educational media.