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- PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION -

## AIMS

The basic aims of the Group of Experts are:

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| (a) | To promote the benefits of geographical names standardization at the national and international level.  | 1991<br>(a)                      |
| (b) | To collect and disseminate work of national and international bodies on the standardization of geographical names to States Members of the United Nations.                    | old (b) &<br>1991 (c)            |
| (c) | To study and propose principles, policies, procedures and methods suitable to resolve problems of national and international standardization.                                 | old (a) &<br>1991 (b)            |
| (d) | To play an active role, by facilitating the supply of scientific and technical help, in the creation of national and international geographical names standardization bodies. | old (d) &<br>1991 (e)            |
| (e) | To provide a vehicle for liaison and coordination between countries in their work on geographical names standardization.  | old (a) &<br>(b) of<br>functions |
| (f) | To implement the tasks assigned by the UN Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names.   | 1991 (d)                         |

## PRINCIPLES

No change

## FUNCTIONS

To further the aims stated above, the functions of the Group of Experts shall be:

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| (a) | To develop procedures and establish mechanisms for standardization in response to national requirements and particular requests.  | 1991<br>(a) (c)    |
| (b) | To undertake preparatory work for the periodic international conferences on the standardization of geographical names, to provide continuity for activities between conferences; and to provide leadership in the implementation of resolutions adopted at the conferences. | old (c)<br>(d) (e) |

- (c) To encourage the discussion and study of practical steps to standardization rather than those of a more theoretical or esoteric nature. 1991 (b)
- (d) To coordinate the activities of linguistic/geographic divisions formed to further the work at the national level; to encourage the active participation of countries and divisions; and to ensure a degree of uniformity in the work undertaken. old (f) (g) (i)
- (e) To create any necessary structures to supplement the work of divisions; and to deal with issues beyond the scope of a division. 1991 (d)
- (f) To develop appropriate training programmes to assist with in-country training to help achieve standardization goals in countries where this is lacking. *local* 1991 (f)
- (g) To maintain liaison with international organizations dealing with related subjects and encourage divisions to participate in the United Nations regional or other cartographic conferences, if possible, in conjunction with divisional activities. old (h) (j)
- (h) To work at the highest possible national, international and United Nations levels to interrelate geographical names and cartography. 1991 (e)
- (i) To make standardization principles and standardized geographical names available as practical information for as wide a user community as possible, through published documents of primary resolutions, geographical names decisions, and other pertinent items. 1991 (g)