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## MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TOPONYMIC DATA FILES AND GAZETTEERS

## A Note on Automated Toponymic Data Bases

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I know, that so far, the United Nations and the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names have been concerned with the standardization of the written form of geographical names.

However, we see an increasing use of computers in toponymical data bases. Some of these data bases are now available on the Internet. So, it may be time to consider adding - when possible - a recorded voice of the name as it is pronounced in the official language of the name.

This will make better utilization of the computer facilities, and hopefully it will help in the standardization of the written form of geographical names.