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IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND THE AIMS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES DATABASE AUSTRIA*

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A working group of the "Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kartographische Ortsnamenkunde" (AKO) consistent of 9 experts elaborates this completely revised and updated version. The names data base will comprise the following informations:

- standardized spellings considering the new orthographic reform
- grammatical specifications
- pronunciation (IPA)
- name variants (minority names)
- topographic category
- description of location
- geographical coordinates
- administrative classification
- statistical information (NUTS-3 unit of the EURO-STAT)
- reference to the map sheets 1:50 000
- recommendation for a specific scale (1:500 000, 1:750 000, 1:1 Mill., 1:1.5 Mill., 1:2 Mill., 1: 5 Mill.)

It covers all named geographical features contained in the map 1: 500 000 completed with other important topographic features (see J. Breu, Gazetteer of Austria: Selection and Sources used, p. 36 f.). This edition additionally contains further object categories such as juridical districts, highway intersections, highway service areas, airports, national parks, tourism regions, pipelines etc.

The topographic names data base comprises about 7 000 entries and is expected to be published in the mid of this year as CD-ROM.