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**Implementation of resolutions and activities relating to the Working Group  
on Evaluation and Implementation**

**Database for the United Nations Conference on the Standardization  
of Geographical Names Resolutions\***

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# Database for UNCSCGN Resolutions

## ABSTRACT

Following a consensus reached in the meeting of the Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation, April 2008, a database has been created for the 195 UNCSCGN resolutions to improve access to them by conference, topic and word search. The first version of the database is now open to public at the following UNGEGN web page: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/uncscgnresolutions.htm>. This work has been done by the sponsorship of National Geographic Information Institute of the Republic of Korea.

### 1. Background

One of the major functions of the Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation is to review the resolutions and report on their implementation. This is clarified by the followings:

- Resolution V/4: "The Conference recommends a working group be established to.... review the resolutions adopted by the UNCSCGN and report on their implementation...."
- "The mandate of the working group would include ..... finding ways and means of effectively implementing relevant resolutions on the standardization of geographical names by UN member states."

During the working group meeting, 21-23 April 2008, there was considerable discussion about assessing the extent of implementation and effectiveness of resolutions. A consensus was reached that, before conducting further surveys on this topic, it would be more useful to develop a more user-friendly web-structured access to resolutions by subject and by key word. Following this consensus, a project of creating a database of 195 resolutions adopted by the nine Conferences began. This work has been done by the sponsorship of National Geographic Information Institute of the Republic of Korea.

### 2. Structure of the Database

The database can be accessed at the UNGEGN website: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/uncscgnresolutions.htm>. By clicking "UNCSCGN Resolutions" in database search, the user is guided to search by each of nine Conferences and search by topics.

In the search by topics, 26 general subject headings first grouped by a former Secretary of UNGEGN, Max de Henseler, in 1987 at the Fifth Conference are being used. Some of the resolutions belong to more than one subject heading.

The first version of the database is now open. It is hoped that this addition to the UNGEGN website will provide a useful tool and can in time also be extended to the resolutions in UN languages other than English. Any comment to improve the working of this database is welcome.



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## UN RESOLUTIONS (1967-2007)

The nine United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names have adopted 195 resolutions. These resolutions were first grouped under general subject headings by a former Secretary of UNGEGN, Max de Henseler, in 1987 at the Fifth Conference. This process has been continued following each Conference to provide a useful updated compendium of resolutions for reference purposes.

[complete texts \(resolutions from all Conferences, grouped by subject\)](#)

- [UNCSGN RESOLUTIONS in English \(pdf, 1723 KB\)](#)
- [UNCSGN RESOLUTIONS in French \(pdf, 1141 KB\)](#)

During discussions of UNGEGN's Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation in 2008, a decision was made to create a resolutions database to improve access to resolutions by topic, conference and word search. We hope that this addition to the UNGEGN website will provide a useful tool and can in time also be extended to the resolutions in the other UN languages.

### database search

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### Resolutions by Conference

First UNCSGN, Geneva, 1967	20 resolutions
Second UNCSGN, London, 1972	39 resolutions
Third UNCSGN, Athens, 1977	27 resolutions
Fourth UNCSGN, Geneva, 1982	26 resolutions
Fifth UNCSGN, Montreal, 1987	26 resolutions
Sixth UNCSGN, New York, 1992	14 resolutions
Seventh UNCSGN, New York, 1998	15 resolutions
Eighth UNCSGN, Berlin, 2002	17 resolutions
Ninth UNCSGN, New York, 2007	11 resolutions

### Search for topics

All Conferences ▼ All Subjects ▼

Search results

Key word : **exonym** - 12 search results

Number	Title / Subject / Content
VIII/4	<b>Working Group on Exonyms of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names</b> Recommends the establishment of a Working Group on Exonyms of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, with the aim of preparing such measures as mentioned above. EXONYMS
V/13	<b>Precedence of national official forms of geographical names</b> Recommends a further reduction in the use of exonyms; Recommends, more specifically, that countries intensify their efforts to persuade private and public organizations, such as educational institutions, transport companies and the media, to reduce... [more] EXONYMS
IV/20	<b>Reduction of exonyms</b> The Conference, Noting that, in accordance with resolutions 18 and 19 of the Third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, further progress has been made in the reduction of the number of exonyms used and a number of... [more] EXONYMS
III/14	<b>Glossary of technical terminology</b> Recommends that the Spanish-speaking nations review the present Spanish text and put forward a revised version to the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names; Further recommends that the term "national language" be considered by the U... [more] TERMINOLOGY (INCLUDING GLOSSARIES)
III/17	<b>Names of countries</b> Recommends that every country use in its language(s), for newly independent countries and for countries that adopt new names, those names that correspond, as far as possible, to the official local names of the countries concerned. LIST OF COUNTRY NAMES
III/18	<b>Study of exonyms</b> Recommends that (a) The countries concerned continue to work on the preparation of provisional lists of exonyms, singling out those suitable for early deletion; (b) The Group of Experts contribute to the exchange of information among the countries co... [more] EXONYMS