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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to invite his/her Government to designate an expert or experts in the field of cartography/linguistics to the twenty-sixth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. The session will take place at the United Nations Office in Vienna, from 2 to 6 May 2011. The provisional agenda for the session, document GEGN/26/1, and the documentation for the Conference, GEGN/26/2 are attached.

This invitation is in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/269 of 15 December 2009. Experts should be made available at their Government's expense.

The official languages of the session are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. Since the facilities for reproduction of documents at the site of the session will be limited, His/Her Excellency's Government is asked to forward to the United Nations Secretariat at its earliest convenience, but no later than 25 February 2011, their documents prepared in support of items on the provisional agenda for the session. It is essential that the documents be kept to a reasonable length; in no case should they exceed 10 pages. The text of the documents should be made available to the Secretariat in digital form.

If His/Her Excellency's Government has already appointed experts to serve on this panel and as these experts have attended previous sessions of the Group of Experts, the Secretary-General would be very grateful if the same experts could be made available for the forthcoming twenty-sixth session, to provide continuity in the work of the Group.

19 November 2010

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Annexes enclosed