The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to inform them that, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2014/240 of 16 July 2014, the twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 25 to 29 April 2016.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1, and a note on documentation for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/2. Both documents are attached to the present note and also will be accessible on the website of the UNGEGN: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/sessions.html.

In order to assist the Secretariat with its preparation for the session, the Secretary-General would be grateful to receive as soon as possible details concerning the names of the delegates designated by the Governments of the Permanent Representatives to attend the session. The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to request those Governments which may wish to submit technical papers in support of items of the provisional agenda, to do so no later than 29 February 2016, in accordance with the procedures outlined in document GEGN/29/2.

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Annexes enclosed