

Item 7 of the Provisional Agenda

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

**Creation of a New Division Enclosing
Countries North Africa and the Countries of the Sahel**

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Abstract :

In accordance, respectively decision No 28/105 of the Task Force for Africa report of the experts of the 28 Session of UNGEGN Group 'which recognized that the complexity of the situation in Africa means that a concerted effort must be made to achieve the objectives of the Group of experts and urged the Task Force for Africa to continue its efforts to recognize the importance of geographical names and invites countries Africa to support the Task Force work program described in the report 'and in accordance with decision No 28/106 concerning the implementation of resolutions and activities relating to the working Group on evaluation and implementation' which is aware of the proposal to create a division of North Africa and urged the parties to consult before the possible establishment of this division at its twenty-ninth session ', the Task Team for Africa and pursuant to these decisions initiated several actions contributing to the realization of these include:

- 1) An explanation of action with some experts from the Arabic Division who expressed some legitimate concerns, regarding the establishment of this new Division
- 2) The organization of an International Symposium on Geographic Names in the Arab world and the countries of the Sahel 1 and 2 February 2016 in Constantine / Algeria.
- 3) During this symposium, the Sahel countries and northern Africa, unanimously supported the proposal to create a new division within the UNGEGN under the name: Division North African and Sahel countries.