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IN THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

Submitted by the Government of Kenya

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A report on progress up to 1967 was submitted to the First Conference at Geneva as Document E/CONF/53.L3.

Since that date the basic mapping of Kenya at scale 1:50,000 or 1:100,000 has been completed and more names collected.

The U.S.B.G.N. Gazeteer of Kenya published in 1964 is in need of revision and expansion. Many new names have been collected and existing names revised.

The Government of the United States of America has supplied to the Survey of Kenya a set of negatives of the Gazeteer pages to facilitate revision and publication in Kenya.

The same source has also supplied a set of 26,400 cards each card carrying one entry from the Gazeteer. These cards form an essential basis for recording revision information on the names. Other cards are being added for new names.

It is hoped to reactivate District Committees to give decisions on doubtful spellings. It will then be necessary to convene the Standing (Central) Committee to approve such findings and pass lists of names for publication.

Amended names appear on new editions of published maps in advance of publication of approved lists of names.

After 21 years of association with the toponymic work of the Survey of Kenya, Mr. John Loxton retired from the Government service in 1970. However, he is still available for consultation at the University of