REPORTS BY DIVISIONS AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE SITUATION IN THEIR REGIONS AND COUNTRIES AND ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES SINCE THE FIRST UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

Report of the Dutch-speaking and German-speaking group

1967-1971

1. The Dutch-speaking and German-speaking Group consists of the following members: Austria, Belgium (for the Flemish-speaking part), Federal Republic of Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland (for the German-speaking part). The members decided that they should take it in turns to act as spokesman for the Group at each United Nations meeting. The Chairman of the Ständige Ausschuss für Geographische Namen (StAGN), Bad Godesberg, Federal Republic of Germany, has been asked to act as secretary of the Group.

2. The Dutch-speaking and German-speaking Group has held four meetings since the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names took place at Geneva from 4 to 22 September 1967. The first of these meetings was held on 28 January 1970, the others on 11 January 1971, 22 April 1971 and 25 November 1971, all at Bad Godesberg and always in connexion with the meetings of the StAGN.

3. The meetings have served the purpose of providing an exchange of opinions and information on national items in the preparation of the working papers and information papers that are to be submitted to the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names at its meetings in New York and to the Second United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.