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- (b) United Nations series of gazetteers
- (c) Concise world gazetteer

UNITED NATIONS GAZETTEERS

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The United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names established a Working Group on Gazetteers at its fifth session in 1973. Also at this session, recommendations were adopted to adapt United States Board on Geographical Names (BGN) gazetteers to comply with United Nations specifications.

While we agree with the statement in the report of the Working Group on its sixth session to the effect that these gazetteers are "to help in the preparation of a series of world gazetteers in the absence of such gazetteers prepared by the national authorities concerned", we must emphasize that we do not wish to adapt the BGN gazetteer covering our country.

We agree to the concept of the concise gazetteer also specified in the report on the sixth session. It is necessary to add to these specifications that in the absence of any kind of existing gazetteer, the concise gazetteer could also be based on direct co-operation with the respective country's name authority.
