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on the Standardization of  
Geographical Names  
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Election of the President of the Conference
3. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda
  - (c) Election of officers other than the President
  - (d) Organization of work
  - (e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference
4. Reports by divisions and Governments on the situation in their regions and countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names
5. National standardization:
  - (a) Field collection of names
  - (b) Office treatment of names
  - (c) Treatment of names in multilingual areas
  - (d) Administrative structure of national names authorities
  - (e) Toponymic guidelines

6. Toponymic education and practice:
  - (a) Existing education and practice
  - (b) Report on pilot training courses
  - (c) Future seminars and courses and prospective developments
  - (d) Exchange of personnel
7. Gazetteers:
  - (a) National gazetteers
  - (b) United Nations series of gazetteers
  - (c) Other publications
8. List of country names
9. Automated data processing:
  - (a) Data collection procedures
  - (b) Data elements required
  - (c) ADP systems
  - (d) Compatibility and structure of systems
10. Terminology in the standardization of geographical names
11. Exonyms:
  - (a) Categories and degree of use of exonyms
  - (b) Principles to be followed in the reduction of exonyms
  - (c) Provisional list of exonyms
12. Policies, procedures and co-operative arrangements for the naming of features beyond a single sovereignty:
  - (a) Features common to two or more nations
  - (b) Maritime features
  - (c) Undersea features
  - (d) Extraterrestrial features
13. Writing systems:
  - (a) Conversion of names from one writing system into another:
    - (i) Romanization
    - (ii) Conversion into non-Roman writing systems
  - (b) Writing of names from unwritten languages

14. International co-operation:
  - (a) United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
  - (b) Divisional and interdivisional meetings and programmes
  - (c) Exchange of information:
    - (i) Reliability statement
    - (ii) Aids to pronunciation of names nationally standardized in non-phonemic writing
    - (iii) Procedures regarding documentation and exchange of information
  - (d) Technical assistance
  - (e) Co-operation with international organizations
  - (f) Co-operation with public information media
15. Economic and social benefits of national and international standardization of geographical names
16. Report of the Conferences