



Economic and Social Council

Distr.
LIMITED

E/CONF.79/L.45 (ABSTRACT)
2 July 1987

ENGLISH AND SPANISH ONLY

FIFTH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE
STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES
Montreal, 18-31 August 1987
Item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda*

NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION

OFFICE TREATMENT OF NAMES

Toponymic research in Quebec: an activity to assist
in official approval of place names**

Paper submitted by Canada

* E/CONF.79/1.

** Prepared by Mr. Jean-Yves Dugas and Jacques Fortin, members of the personnel of Quebec's Commission de toponymie.

SUMMARY

Research on administrative toponymy in Quebec is very pragmatic in its approach and the results constitute solid and objective scientific bases for the official decisions of the Commission de toponymie.

The various areas of research are concerned, in particular, with the history of toponyms, criteria for selection and rules of orthography to be followed when they are made official, standardization of geographical terminology relating to toponymy and general problems, such as types of names for watercourses, the alphabetical classification of place names and the quality of toponymic language, which are also raised by specific research tasks.
