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REPORTS BY DIVISIONS AND GOVERNMENTS ON THE SITUATION  
IN THEIR REGIONS AND COUNTRIES AND ON PROGRESS IN THE  
STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES SINCE THE  
FOURTH CONFERENCE

Report of the second regional meeting of the Latin America Division  
of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names  
(Aguascalientes, Mexico, 3-5 September 1986)

Paper submitted by the Latin America Division of the United  
Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

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SUMMARY

The report reflects the progress made in work on the standardization of geographical names in the countries of the Division, such as Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Spain and Suriname, which were present at the meeting, and the work done by Canada and the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History, which attended as observers. The report also indicates the growing interest of the Governments of the Division in the standardization of geographical names within the framework of the United Nations; the interest of the countries of the Division in the provision of United Nations financial support for the holding of a regional seminar on geographical names, is also expressed.

A summary is also given of the meeting of the heads of delegation present and of the recommendations adopted by them.

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