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REPORT BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Paper presented by the Government of the  
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The data file of the "Gazetteer Federal Republic of Germany (Geographisches Namenbuch Bundesrepublik Deutschland)" is continually updated using data of the Federal Office for Statistics (Statistisches Bundesamt) and other sources. Updated materials will probably be published when the data from the 1987 census is available. At present considerations aim at extending the content of the gazetteer (which is at 1:500,000 scale so far) up to the map series at 1:200,000 scale.

A list has been compiled containing all resolutions of United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names which so far have been implemented in the Federal Republic of Germany, using Working Paper No. 7 of the twelfth session of the Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEKN).

A list of geographical names assigned to features in the Antarctic region by German expeditions up to 1945, and of the Federal Republic of Germany after 1945, has been completed via EDP. The list has been acknowledged by the Scientific Commission on Antarctic Research (SCAR). Two papers on the subject are presented to the fifth conference.

A paper on the scientific principles of a single romanization system has been prepared for the fifth conference.

A study has been made on the different kinds of gazetteers and a proposal of definition is presented to the fifth conference.

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The map and list of the names of regions and mountains of the Federal Republic of Germany, compiled by H. Liedtke, have been printed and edited together with a textbook. The map used as a basis is "Bundesrepublik Deutschland 1 : 1,000,000" edited by the Institut of Applied Geodesy (Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie) in Frankfurt a.M.

R. Böhme contributed to the Manual on the national standardization of geographical names as a member of the drafting committee chaired by D.J. Orth (USA).

E. Meynen has edited a bibliography "Gazetteers and Glossaries of Geographical Names of the Member Countries of the United Nations, Bibliography 1946-1976" (Publishing House Franz Steiner, Wiesbaden 1984).

Based on the "Terminology Bulletin" of the United Nations a synopsis of country names as used in German speaking countries (FRG, GDR, Austria, Switzerland) is in preparation.