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Reduction of exonyms

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At the meeting of the East Central and Southeast Europe - Soviet Union Divisions, the question of exonyms was discussed.

All participant countries reported on activities in the reduction of exonyms. Bulgaria and the German Democratic Republic publish continuously series of gazetteers covering foreign countries, which also contain the exonyms of the related area. Besides, the official exonyms to be used in the GDR are given in a separate general instruction containing the names of countries, marine and submarine features.

Czechoslovakia presented a gazetteer of submarine features in the Czech language /a few copies distributed at this session/. Three Slovak language gazetteers were also published covering the a/ Slovak exonyms of hydrographic features; b/ Slovak language list of country names; c/ Slovak exonyms of towns and cities.

Hungary presented the manuscript of a list of exonyms covering North and South America. Poland presented a list of country names in Polish language. The Soviet Union reported on a list of exonyms circulated among and enlarged by various domestic institutions and organizations.

The meeting suggested that the participant countries should consider as an important task the compilation of further lists of exonyms, and sending these lists to the respective domestic institutions and organizations. The completed lists should be sent for information to the U.N. Group of Experts.