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GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

by the Greek Delegation

1. The Greek Ministry of Culture has undertaken the organisation of the seventh session, which will take place in Athens before and after the third Conference.

2. The Greek Army Geographical Service prepared a two volume Gazetteer, the first volume of which has already been published, while the publication of the second volume is expected before the meeting of the seventh session in Athens. The same Service has progressed in the cartography of Greece which will be completed before the Athens session.

3. A special committee meeting has been held in Athens, attended by Greek and Cypriot experts for the examination and improvement of the romanisation system for the Greek alphabet proposed in the previous session (Working Paper No. 13) attached as an annex to this paper)

4. The Historical Dictionary of the Academy of Athens and the Dialect Archives of the University of Thessaloniki have been occupied with the collection of geographical names and the preparation of an etymological dictionary which will include not only geographical names of towns and villages but also names of other geographical features (hydronyms, etc.).

5. The Toponyms Committee of the Greek Ministry of the Interior has begun the revision of the Dictionary of Greek Municipalities and Communities published by the Statistical Service.

6. A special committee of linguists and astronomers was formed concerning the naming of extraterrestrial topographical features. It is investigating the possibility of using for naming purposes the lexicon of the classical languages (Greek and Latin).

Note for the attached transliteration of the Greek alphabet: Accents (on the vowels) will be used to denote the accented syllable, except in one-syllable words. In accented diagraphs (xi, oi, ou) the accent will be placed on the second vowel (eg., ei).

Μεταγραφή 'Ελληνικοῦ 'Αλφαβήτου
Transliteration of greek alphabet

α	=	a
αι	=	ai
αυ	=	av
β	=	v
γ	=	g
γγ	=	ng
γκ	=	a) g at the beginning of the word β) ng in the middle of the word
γχ	=	nch
δ	=	d
ε	=	e
ει	=	i
ευ	=	ev
ζ	=	z
η	=	i
ηυ	=	iv
θ	=	th
ι	=	i
κ	=	k
λ	=	l
μ	=	m
μπ	=	α) b at the beginning of the word β) mp in the middle of the word
ν	=	n
ντζ	=	ntz
ξ	=	x
ο	=	o
οι	=	oi
ου	=	ou
π	=	p
ρ	=	r
σ,β	=	s
τ	=	t
τζ	=	tz