Sixth UN Conference on the
Standardization of Geographical Names
8th Meeting (PM)

RECOMMENDATIONS ON ISSUES RELATED TO TREATMENT OF PLACE-NAMES
APPROVED BY CONFERENCE ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

The United Nations Secretariat should maintain a list of national
authorities dealing with geographical names the Sixth United Nations
Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names recommended this
afternoon.

The recommendation was one of several contained in the Conference's final
report which was approved, in part, today. The Conference endorsed a series
of recommendations of its Working Group on Evaluation including the need to
promote national and divisional activities in the field of cartography and the
need for written, rather than oral, national reports at future conferences.

By another resolution, the Conference recommended that the Secretariat
compile and publish toponymic guidelines prepared by national authorities for
editors of maps and other publications.

The Conference also recommended that the Economic and Social Council
establish a working group on information, publicity and funding, within the
United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. It recommended that
the working group investigate methods by which adequate funds could be
allocated for the Group's activities.

By another resolution, the Conference recommended revising the aims and
functions of the statute of the United Nations Group of Experts on
Geographical Names in such a way as to improve the Group's functioning.

Also today, the Conference recommended that Brazil, El Salvador, Spain,
Mexico, Portugal and Venezuela re-activate the Latin America Division of the
Group of Experts.

At the request of the United States, the Conference postponed, until
tomorrow, approval of a draft resolution recommending that the Seventh United
Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names be convened in
Iran, in the second half of 1997.

The Conference will meet again at 10 a.m. tomorrow, 3 September, to
approve the remainder of its final report and take action on draft
recommendations dealing with technical and international programmes.

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