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REPORT BY NIGERIA

Chief Coker who was the Director of Federal Surveys Lagos and one of the representatives of Africa West Division has gone on retirement since early last year. He is unable to continue to function as such and has specially requested me to pay his compliments and respects to this body.

I took over from him as Director of Federal Surveys and therefore became the Chairman of the National Committee on Standardization of Geographical Names in Nigeria. The report which I have to submit on this occasion is brief particularly if it is linked with the report submitted at the Athens Conference in August 1977. It is a report of the activities since the meeting in Athens.

It has not been possible for the National Committee to meet since the Athens meeting. A meeting which was to have been called had to be postponed until the completion and publication of the third edition of the Gazetteer of Place Names which was under review. There was a technical hitch in the processing of the materials for the publication of this reviewed edition. The problem is now being solved, and it is hoped that in a couple of months from now, the Gazetteer will be published and a meeting of the National Committee will be convened.

Nevertheless, the newly created states in Nigeria which have not yet formed their Standardization of Geographical Names Committees are now establishing such Committees and efforts are being made by such newly established Committees to ensure the standardization of the place names within their areas of jurisdiction, in accordance with the laid down guidelines by the Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.