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On the Standardization of  
Division Names

A comparative study of names given to the linguistic/geographical divisions as they appear on the information paper No. 4 of the Eight Session clearly indicates the need for reconsidering the naming principles so far used in order to reach a standardization in naming, and to avoid any possible political implication as well.

Indeed, names of some divisions are based on areal geographical units of different size, whereas some of them are either linguistic in nature or reflect political organizations, i.e., the names of states.

It seems logical, particularly for the United Nations Experts aiming at the standardization of geographical names, that these differing methods should be given up and only one standart system be adopted.

In this connection, the regional system basing on the facts of areal geographical differentiation seems to be comparatively the most appropriate method for standardization of divisional names and avoiding some implications mentioned above.

Therefore, I propose that names of the divisions listed below be changed as follows:

No. and Present Name of  
the Division

Proposed Name

4- Arabic	Africa North and Asia South-West
8- China	Asia East
9- Dutch and German-speaking	West Central Europe
11- India	Asia South
14- Romano-Hellenic	North Mediterranean
15- USSR	Europe East and Asia North
16- United Kingdom	North-West Europe
17- U.S. and Canada	Anglo-America