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Terminology in the standardization of geographical names

**Proposal for a resolution concerning the multilingual edition
of the Glossary of Terms Used in the Standardization of
Geographical Names**

Submitted by Israel**

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The Working Group on Terminology was set up by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names at its 15th session in Geneva in May 1989. The terms of reference for the Working Group were (1) to produce a new glossary of toponymic terminology, to replace U.N. Glossary No. 330, (2) to periodically review and update the new glossary.

The Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names expanded the scope of the activity of the Working Group and recommended producing the glossary as a multilingual publication in the six official languages of the United Nations.

The Working Group has now completed its first task by handing to the Secretariat the text of the glossary in six languages. Israel therefore proposes the following resolution.

Draft Resolution

The Conference,

Noting that the new *Glossary of Terms used in the Standardization of Geographical Names* has been prepared by the Working Group on Terminology in the six official languages of the United Nations, viz. English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic;

Further noting that this glossary is now in the final stages of publication;

Recognizing that terminology is not at a standstill, and that future developments will require additions and/or amendments to the definitions of terms;

(1) Wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to the Working Group on Terminology and its convenor for having contributed their expertise and time on a personal and voluntary basis in compiling this Glossary.

(2) Recommends that the Working Group on Terminology be asked to continue to function, with the aim of reviewing the Glossary periodically and updating it as required by a procedure to be agreed upon by the members of the Working Group.
