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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING
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Working Group on Automated Data Processing.

The Working Group was established on 8 September 1977 during the Seventh session of the UNGEGN held in Athens, Greece. A first meeting of the Working Group was held at College Park, Maryland, USA, on 31 July 1978. The convenor reported to the Eighth session of the UNGEGN, held in New York 26 February - 9 March 1979, about the activities of the Working Group. The UNGEGN agreed on the following terms of reference:

"To investigate the management of information on data processing for the preparation of gazetteers, names lists or other formats among the members of the working group in order to present a report on the subject to the chairman of the UNGEGN and also to the Chief of the Cartography Section".

Since the Eighth session of the UNGEGN no other meeting of the Working Group has taken place. Communication between the members of the Working Group was carried out by correspondence and circulars of the convenor. The following circulars were distributed:

- 1) Circular No 2, 15 February 1980 with 3 enclosures:
 - a) Report on the meeting of the Working Group in New York on 7 March 1979;
 - b) Synopsis on answers received to the questionnaire;
 - c) Bibliography on publications on the use of Automated Data Processing for the preparation of gazetteers and names lists.
- 2) Circular No 3, 17 October 1980 with 1 enclosure:

Agenda of the Symposium on the Automation of Geographical Names, organized by the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, held at Ottawa, Canada, 4 June 1980.
- 3) Circular No 4, 12 January 1981 with 2 enclosures:
 - a) Abstracts / Résumés of papers presented and of the panel, copies taken from CANOMA, Vol. 6 - No. 1, Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada, July 1980;
 - b) Bibliography, addition list No. 1.

The "Gazetteer Federal Republic of Germany" completely prepared by EDP is nearing completion. Data capture is nearly finished and printing scheduled for the last quarter of 1981. The volume will be presented to the Fourth UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in 1982.