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Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President of the Conference.
3. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Election of officers other than the President;
 - (d) Organization of work;
 - (e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
4. Reports by Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Ninth Conference (for distribution only).
5. Reports on the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, its divisions, working groups and task teams since the Ninth Conference.
6. National and international meetings, conferences, symposiums, publicity and publications.
7. Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic and social benefits.
8. National standardization:
 - (a) Field collection of names;
 - (b) Office treatment of names;
 - (c) Treatment of names in multilingual areas;



- (d) Administrative structure of national names authorities, legislation, policies and procedures;
 - (e) Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors.
 - 9. Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity (including indigenous, minority and regional language names).
 - 10. Exonyms.
 - 11. Toponymic data files and gazetteers:
 - (a) Content requirements;
 - (b) Data models and classifications;
 - (c) Data maintenance;
 - (d) Data standards and interoperability;
 - (e) Data services, applications and products (for example, gazetteers and web services).
 - 12. Terminology in the standardization of geographical names.
 - 13. Writing systems and pronunciation:
 - (a) Romanization;
 - (b) Conversion into non-Roman writing systems;
 - (c) Writing of names in unwritten languages;
 - (d) Pronunciation.
 - 14. Country names.
 - 15. Toponymic education.
 - 16. Features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation:
 - (a) Features common to two or more nations;
 - (b) Bilateral/multilateral agreements.
 - 17. Arrangements for the Eleventh Conference.
 - 18. Adoption of resolutions of the Conference.
 - 19. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
 - 20. Closing of the Conference.
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