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OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

Provisional Agenda of the
Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization
of Geographical Names

Submitted by the Secretariat

Note:

What follows is a reproduction of the agenda of the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, New York, 25 August - 3 September 1992.

It may serve to the Group as a basis for developing the provisional Agenda for the Seventh Conference.

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 divisions and Governments on the situation in their regions and countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Fifth Conference.
5. 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;
 - (e) Toponymic guidelines for map and other editors.
6. Toponymic data files:
 - (a) Data collection procedures;
 - (b) Data elements required;
 - (c) Automated data-processing (ADP) systems;
 - (d) Compatibility and structure of systems;
 - (e) National gazetteers;
 - (f) Other publications.
7. Terminology in the standardization of geographical names.
8. Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names.
9. Exonyms:
 - (a) Categories and degree of use of exonyms;

- (b) Principles in reducing the use of exonyms;
 - (c) Provisional list of exonyms.
10. Features beyond a single sovereignty:
- (a) Policies, procedure and cooperative arrangements;
 - (b) Features common to two or more nations;
 - (c) Maritime features;
 - (d) Undersea features;
 - (e) Antarctic features.
11. Writing systems and guides to pronunciation:
- (a) Romanization;
 - (b) Conversion into non-Roman writing systems;
 - (c) Writing of names in unwritten languages.
12. Toponymic education and practice, and international cooperation:
- (a) Existing education and practice;
 - (b) Training courses in toponymy;
 - (c) Exchange of advice and information;
 - (d) Exchange of personnel;
 - (e) Technical assistance;
 - (f) Cooperation with international organizations;
 - (g) Cooperation with public information media;
 - (h) Cooperation with national and international agencies and other bodies.
13. Meetings and conferences:
- (a) United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names;
 - (b) Divisional and interdivisional meetings and programmes;
 - (c) National names meetings, conferences and symposia;
 - (d) International names meetings, conferences and symposia.
14. Economic and social benefits of the national and international standardization of geographical names.
15. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
16. Closing of the Conference.