13 June 2002

Original: English

Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

Berlin, 27 August-5 September 2002 Item 7 of the provisional agenda* Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names

Web site of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Submitted by the secretariat of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names**

Summary

In resolution 9, section 2, the Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names recommended that the secretariat of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) establish a web site to improve communication and promote the goals and resolutions of the United Nations conferences on the standardization of geographical names. The site has now been established at http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo. It provides content on the activities of UNGEGN and its secretariat, documents of conferences and sessions, and special materials (e.g. the UNGEGN brochure and newsletters). It has links to sites of the UNGEGN divisions and working groups, as well as to those of names authorities and geographical names databases of individual member States. Future updates and enhancements to the site will include search capabilities, further contact addresses for geographical names authorities, more material in languages other than English, and a graphic interface for accessing the data.

^{*} E/CONF.94/1.

^{**} Prepared by Amor Laaribi, UNGEGN secretariat, New York, and Helen Kerfoot, Vice-Chair, UNGEGN, Natural Resources Canada.