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**Issues of publicity for the Group of Experts and funding of  
Group projects (Working Group on Publicity and Funding)****Celebrating Geographical Names Day in Canada****Summary\*\***

The first annual Geographical Names Day was celebrated in Canada on 13 November 2018. The Geographical Names Board of Canada, the national coordinating body for place names, unanimously adopted a resolution declaring Geographical Names Day to aid in raising awareness among governments and the public of authoritative geographical names and official naming processes. Geographical Names Day was communicated extensively through social media channels, including through a video from the Minister of Natural Resources of Canada, and was celebrated through official events. Geographical Names Day will be celebrated annually in Canada each November during Geography Awareness Week to promote official names and to publicize the activities of the Board.

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\* GEGN.2/2019/1.

\*\* The full report was prepared by Steve Westley, Geographical Names Board of Canada Secretariat, Natural Resources Canada. The report will be available at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st\\_session\\_UNGEGN.html](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html), in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/73/CRP.73.

