

14 February 2019

Original: English

**United Nations Group of Experts on
Geographical Names****2019 session**

New York, 29 April–3 May 2019

Item 14 of the provisional agenda*

Exonyms (Working Group on Exonyms)**Report of the Working Group on Exonyms****Summary****

The full report describes the activities of the Working Group on Exonyms since the thirtieth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held in New York on 7 and 18 August 2017. The 20th meeting of the Working Group, a business meeting, was held in New York on 9 August 2017 as a side event of the thirtieth session. During the meeting, among other things, an election of the new Convenor of the Working Group took place. The 21st meeting, a workshop, was held in Riga from 24 to 26 September 2018, and was hosted by the Latvian Geospatial Information Agency in collaboration with the Latvian Language Institute of the University of Latvia. The main theme of the meeting was “Categorization of exonyms”. The meeting was attended by some 40 experts from 20 countries, and 18 papers were presented.

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by Kohei Watanabe, Convenor of the Working Group on Exonyms. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/92/CRP.92.

