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**Social and economic benefits, supporting sustainable
development, measures taken and proposed for the
implementation of resolutions and evaluation of the
work of the Group of Experts****Implementation by New Zealand of resolutions adopted at
United Nations conferences and sessions on the
standardization of geographical names****Summary****

The report provides comments from New Zealand on the implementation of the resolutions adopted at the United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names held between 1967 and 2017, and at the 2019 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. It identifies United Nations resolutions that are relevant to the work of New Zealand's national naming authority, the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa,¹ and provides a summary of the measures that New Zealand has taken and its experiences in implementing these resolutions. Where appropriate, the report includes comments on how geographical names contribute to relevant social and economic benefits such as language revitalization and restorative tourism, which support cultural identity. The report also identifies how the implementation of certain resolutions adopted at the Conferences contribute to relevant Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, such as reducing inequalities by recognizing and restoring minority groups' languages through geographical naming.

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** The full report was prepared by Wendy Shaw, Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/18/CRP.18, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/.

¹ “Memorial markers of the landscape”.

