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Reports of the Chair and the Secretariat**Report of the Secretariat****Summary****

In keeping with the practice of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and in accordance with the draft agenda approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2018/264, and pursuant to the resolutions and decisions adopted at the eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names and the 2017 session of the Group, the Secretariat prepares a report detailing the activities undertaken by the Group during the intersessional period. The Group is invited to review the report and to provide comments.

The full report provides a summary of the main activities conducted by the Group of Experts, such as the preparation of the draft strategic plan and programme of work. Other activities included coordinating the work of the Bureau and working groups, conducting publicity and awareness-raising activities, supporting capacity development, strengthening relations with the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, maintaining and upgrading the Group's web pages, managing the World Geographical Names database and coordinating preparations for the Group's 2021 session. Based on the findings made while preparing the draft strategic plan and programme of work, the report also features issues and recommendations related to further strengthening the Group's operations and its functioning in delivering on its core mandate.

* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by the Secretariat. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/5/CRP.5, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/.

