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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****Report of the Working Group on Evaluation
and Implementation****Summary****

The full report highlights the activities of the Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation since the 2019 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. Two in-person gatherings were cancelled due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic: a joint meeting with the Working Group on Publicity and Funding due to be held in Suwon, Republic of Korea, in July 2020, and a symposium co-organized with the Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage due to be held in Halmstad, Sweden, in October 2020. All activities have been carried out online instead.

The main focus of the Working Group has been to progress the implementation of two of the recommendations adopted at the 2019 session, namely recommendation 1 (developing a draft strategic plan and programme of work for the Group of Experts) and recommendation 3 (reviewing the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and for their relevance to the Group of Experts). Those two tasks are of crucial significance in that they set a long-term goal for the activities of the Group of Experts under the general supervision and direction of its parent body, the Economic and Social Council. Details will be reported in separate working papers. The full report also covers the trends with regard to the implementation of the resolutions on the standardization of geographical names in Member States, based on the working papers they have submitted, together with the maintenance of the resolutions database and the results of the evaluation survey conducted at the end of the 2019 session.

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

** The full report was prepared by Sungjae Choo (Republic of Korea), Convenor of the Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation. The report will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/79/CRP.79, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/.

