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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****Draft strategic plan and programme of work****Summary\*\***

In its decision 2019/230, the Economic and Social Council decided that, in close consultation with States Members of the United Nations, the Bureau of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names should undertake the development of a draft strategic plan and programme of work for the new Group of Experts, which, inter alia, should take into account:

- (a) The mandate and structure of the Group;
- (b) Support for the creation of new national geographical names authorities and strengthening the operation of existing ones;
- (c) The establishment of funding mechanisms (such as a trust fund) to support the implementation of the strategic plan;
- (d) Appropriate branding and publicity for the Group;
- (e) The focus and core goals of its parent body, the Economic and Social Council;
- (f) A suitable planning time frame.

It also decided that the draft strategic plan and programme of work would be circulated to Member States for consideration prior to adoption at the second session of the Group of Experts.

Pursuant to that decision, the full report provides a summary of activities conducted by the Bureau and the working group convenors since the first session of the Group of Experts to prepare the draft strategic plan and programme of work and the global consultation exercise conducted for the consideration of Member States.

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

\*\* The full report was prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau and working group convenors. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/94/CRP.94, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd\\_session\\_2021/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/).

