

20 April 2021

Subject: United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) 2021 Session

Excellency,

I write to you regarding the 2021 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names to be convened on a virtual platform from 3-7 May 2021. In accordance with ECOSOC decision 2021/213 of 24 February 2021, entitled “Procedure for taking decisions of the sessional bodies and subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic at the 2021 session of the Council” which authorized its sessional bodies and subsidiary organs to apply the decision-making procedure set out in ECOSOC decision 2020/205 of 3 April 2020, it is my pleasure to place the below proposals under silence procedure, until 3 p.m. Friday 23 April 2021:

- i. adoption of the Annotated Provisional Agenda contained in document GEGN.2/2021/1/Rev.1,
- ii. adoption of the organization of work contained in document GEGN.2/2021/3 and;
- iii. approval of the entities listed in document GEGN.2/2021/CRP.133 to participate in the session as observers.

The afore mentioned documents are available on the website of the Group of Experts on Geographical Names at

https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/#documents.

After the deadline of Friday 23 April at 3:00 p.m. the proposals will be considered as agreed. Further, should you have inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, UN Statistics Division (schweinfest@un.org), Ms. Cecille Blake, UN Statistics Division (blake1@un.org) and Mr. Irfan Soomro, Secretary of the Group of Experts (soomroi@un.org).

Let me also take this opportunity to express my solidarity with Member States who have been addressing an increase in COVID-19 infection figures and extend continued collaboration and partnerships to support the collection, management and dissemination of data to inform management and recovery measures.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely



Pierre Jaillard (Mr.)

Chair

Group of Experts on Geographical Names

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