STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

Agenda Item Number: 10
Agenda Item Title: Toponymic education
Title of paper/report: Streamed audiovisual lectures on toponymy
Statement/intervention provided by: NORWAY
Statement/intervention: Statement of support

NORWAY welcomes and recognizes the efforts undertaken by the Group of Experts regarding the issues related to toponymic training.

NORWAY expresses support to the NETHERLANDS in the creation of online lectures on toponomy and requests the UNGEGN Bureau to advance this effort and make the lectures available to the public on the UNGEGN website.

In addition to the suggested lectures, NORWAY requests the inclusion of a lecture under the title 'Toponymic Treatment of Geographical Names' to show the benefits of scientific treatment of geographical names, from collection (lecture 3), to correct standardization (lecture 2) ensures the quality of geographical names standardization of majority, indigenous and minority language names. Existing university courses on toponymy could advantageously be used as a lecture framework.

NORWAY supports the suggested online course but wishes to advance that it cannot replace existing in-person instruction under the auspices of UNGEGN and the Working Group for Toponymic Training.

Thank you,

The Norwegian UNGEGN delegation

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