



## STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

***Agenda Item Number: 14***

***Agenda Item Title: Toponymic data files and gazetteers***

***Title of paper/report: Report of the Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management (formerly known as Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers) for 2019-2021***

***Statement/intervention provided by:***

SLOVENIA

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Dear distinguished Chair, dear distinguished delegates,

SLOVENIA welcomes, recognizes and encourages the efforts of the Group of Experts on issues related to the management of geographical names data.

SLOVENIA supports the change of the name of the Working Group to “Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management” and welcomes its formal ratification. SLOVENIA requests the UNGEGN Bureau to revise the provisional agenda for the UNGEGN Session in 2023.

SLOVENIA supports the Strategic Plan and the Programme of Work and recommends the Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management to provide its technical knowledge and advise to the items addressed for Strategy 1 – Technical Expertise and the Strategies 2-5 where requested.

SLOVENIA notes that the Linked data represent a new development of data management methodologies that the Group of Experts should consider in order to facilitate the widespread use of standardized geographical names.

SLOVENIA encourages collaboration under the leadership of the Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management between national names authorities and Linked Data practitioners, which is beneficial for both.

Thank you.

Surveying and Mapping Authority of the Republic of Slovenia and the Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names of the Republic of Slovenia

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