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**Reports of Divisions of the Group of Experts**

**Report of the Dutch- and German-speaking Division**

Submitted by Dutch- and German-speaking Division\*\*

This report covers the main activities that were carried out by the Dutch and German-speaking division in 2023. The division held one divisional meeting during this period. The report gives a brief summary and resolution of the meeting pertaining to exonyms.

The divisional meeting was convened on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to brief members on the outcome of the bureau meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022. At this meeting, divisions were informed of the UNGEGN, responsibilities, and status and were meant to discuss the draft decision on exonyms (as an outcome of the Exonym and Terminology Working Group meeting held from 31 August to 3 September in Slovenia. Moreover, the project proposal on the collaboration between UN-GGIM and UNGEGN was supposed to be an item for discussion.

**Resolutiuon**

The meeting resolved not to adopt the proposal on use of exonyms.

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