

## **Decision**

**2011/251**

### **Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its twenty-sixth session, venue and dates of and provisional agenda for its twenty-seventh session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda for the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names**

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2011, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its twenty-sixth session;<sup>1</sup>

(b) Decided that the twenty-seventh session of the Group of Experts would be held in New York on 6 and 17 August 2012 and approved the provisional agenda for the session as set out below:

#### **Provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report of the working groups.
4. Reports of the liaison officers.
5. Organizational matters concerning the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.
6. Review of the statute of the Group of Experts.
7. Election of officers.
8. Planning for the implementation of the recommendations of the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.
9. Working groups for future requirements.
10. Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Group of Experts.
11. Other business;

(c) Decided that the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names would be held in New York from 7 to 16 August 2012 and approved the provisional agenda for the Conference as set out below:

#### **Provisional agenda for the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names**

1. Opening of the Conference.

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<sup>1</sup> E/2011/119 and Corr.1.

2. Election of the President of the Conference.
3. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
  - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (c) Election of officers other than the President;
  - (d) Organization of work;
  - (e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
4. Reports by Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Ninth Conference (for distribution only).
5. Reports on the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and its divisions, working groups and task teams since the Ninth Conference.
6. National and international meetings, conferences, symposiums, publicity and publications.
7. Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic and social benefits.
8. National standardization:
  - (a) Field collection of names;
  - (b) Office treatment of names;
  - (c) Treatment of names in multilingual areas;
  - (d) Administrative structure of national names authorities, legislation, policies and procedures;
  - (e) Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors.
9. Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity (including indigenous, minority and regional language names).
10. Exonyms.
11. Toponymic data files and gazetteers:
  - (a) Content requirements;
  - (b) Data models and classifications;
  - (c) Data maintenance;
  - (d) Data standards and interoperability;
  - (e) Data services, applications and products (for example, gazetteers and web services).
12. Terminology in the standardization of geographical names.
13. Writing systems and pronunciation:
  - (a) Romanization;
  - (b) Conversion into non-Roman writing systems;

- (c) Writing of names in unwritten languages;
  - (d) Pronunciation.
14. Country names.
  15. Toponymic education.
  16. Features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation:
    - (a) Features common to two or more nations;
    - (b) Bilateral/multilateral agreements.
  17. Arrangements for the Eleventh Conference.
  18. Adoption of the resolutions of the Conference.
  19. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
  20. Closing of the Conference.