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Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-ninth session, the provisional agenda and dates for the thirtieth session and the dates for the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2016, the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Took note of the report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its twenty-ninth session ([E/2016/66](#));
- (b) Decided that the thirtieth session of the Group of Experts would be held in New York on 7 and 18 August 2017, and approved the provisional agenda for the session as set out below:

Provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

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

- (c) Decided that the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names shall be held in New York from 8 to 17 August 2017, and approves the revised provisional agenda for the Conference as set out below:

Revised provisional agenda for the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

1. Opening of the Conference.
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. Reflection on the past, present and future: the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.
5. Reports by Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (for distribution only).
6. Reports on the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and its divisions, working groups and task teams since the Tenth Conference.
7. National and international meetings, conferences, symposiums, publicity and publications.
8. Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic and social benefits.
9. 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.
10. Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity (including indigenous, minority and regional language names).
11. Exonyms.
12. Toponymic data files and gazetteers:
 - (a) Content requirements and standards;
 - (b) Data management and interoperability;
 - (c) Data services, applications and products (for example, gazetteers and web services).
13. Terminology in the standardization of geographical names.
14. Writing systems and pronunciation:

- (a) Romanization;
 - (b) Conversion into non-Roman writing systems;
 - (c) Writing of names in unwritten languages;
 - (d) Pronunciation.
15. Country names.
 16. Toponymic education.
 17. Features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation:
 - (a) Features common to two or more nations;
 - (b) Bilateral/multilateral agreements.
 18. Arrangements for the Twelfth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.
 19. Adoption of resolutions of the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.
 20. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
 21. Closing of the Conference.