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Amendments to the statute of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2016, the Economic and Social Council decided to approve the amendments to the statute of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names proposed by the Group of Experts as follows:

1. Under “I. Aims”, after subparagraph (c), insert a new subparagraph, reading: “(d) To emphasize, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, respecting the equality among languages, the significance of geographical names as a part of the historical and cultural heritage and identity of nations.”, and renumber the subsequent subparagraphs;
2. Under “II. Principles”, after paragraph 4 (b), insert a new subparagraph, reading: “(c) The standardization of geographical names must pay attention to the inherited geographical names and their significance in the preservation of local, regional and national heritage and identity.”;
3. Under, “III. Functions”, after paragraph 7, insert a new paragraph, reading: “8. To increase the awareness of and respect for different languages, nations and cultures in an equal manner by promoting the use of geographical names that have been standardized on a national basis and that therefore respect local, regional and national heritage and identity.”, and renumber the subsequent paragraphs.