

## **Decision 2021/259**

### **Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names at its 2021 session: recommendation 1**

At its 13th plenary meeting, on 22 July 2021, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2019/230 of 23 July 2019, by which it had decided that the Bureau of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names should undertake the development of a draft strategic plan and programme of work for the new Group of Experts, and noting that the Bureau of the Group of Experts had taken into consideration and fulfilled all the conditions as requested in decision 2019/230, including conducting three global consultations and a virtual webinar prior to the second session of the Group of Experts:

(a) Welcomed the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names strategic plan and programme of work 2021–2029 submitted to the Group of Experts and adopted at its second session;

(b) Approved the adoption of the strategic plan and programme of work, recognizing that it was a living document, with the provision that it should be evaluated periodically by the Group of Experts for its implementation and updated and amended as appropriate and when necessary;

(c) Encouraged the Bureau of the Group of Experts to assess its structure of subsidiary bodies to allow for efficiency in the implementation of the strategic plan and programme of work, and if needed, propose its reorganization;

(d) Encouraged Member States, divisions, working groups and task teams of the Group of Experts to report on their activities to implement the strategic plan and programme of work at the sessions of the Group of Experts.