**Decision 2019/230**


At its 36th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2019, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decided that, in close consultation with States Members of the United Nations, 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, which, inter alia, should take into account:

(i) The mandate and structure of the Group;

(ii) Support for the creation of new national geographical names authorities and strengthening the operation of existing ones;

(iii) The establishment of funding mechanisms (such as a trust fund) to support the implementation of the strategic plan;

(iv) Appropriate branding and publicity for the Group;

(v) The focus and core goals of its parent body, the Economic and Social Council;

(vi) A suitable planning time frame;

(b) Also decided that the draft strategic plan and programme of work shall be circulated to Member States for consideration prior to adoption at the second session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.


*The final edited text of this decision will be contained in the official records of the Council for 2019 (E/2019/99 (Supplement No. 1)) after editorial review.*