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Dear Colleague,

Preparation of the UNGEGN draft Strategic Plan and Programme of Work

On behalf of the Bureau of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN), I am pleased to invite you to review and provide comments on the draft strategic plan that will be used to guide the work for the “new” UNGEGN for the period 2021 to 2029.

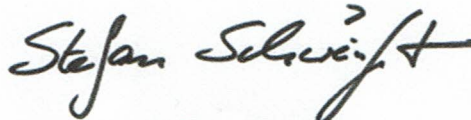
Reference is made to report [E/2019/75](#) and Recommendation 1 on the development of a draft strategic plan and programme of work, agreed on at the first session of the Group of Experts, 29 April to 3 May 2019 and further, decision 2019/230 adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council at its management meeting in July 2019 (E/2019/99). You may also recall letter numbered STAT 421 (4-99) dated 15 October 2019, that invited Member States to contribute to the preparation of the draft strategic plan and programme of work by providing your national geographical names standardization issues and priority actions to be pursued by UNGEGN.

Based on the feedback received from ten Member States, the Bureau has prepared the draft strategic plan that is attached to this letter and kindly asks for your review and feedback. In preparing your comments we would appreciate if you would make your edits and comments using Microsoft Word track changes and comment boxes. Please note that the Bureau is working on the programme of work based on the five strategies outlined in the strategic plan. The draft programme of work will be circulated to Member States for consultation in the next few months.

We would therefore welcome the submission of your feedback on the attached draft strategic plan on or before **Monday 31 August 2020** to the UNGEGN Secretariat at geoinfo_unsd@un.org.

Thank you in advance for your usual cooperation and support on this important exercise and we look forward to receiving your feedback to support the development of a smart draft strategic plan and programme of work.

Yours sincerely,



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