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Mr. Chairperson,

On behalf of Turkey, I would like first of all to express my sincere congratulations on such a successful event. Turkey believes that the Group of Experts on Geographical Names is discharging a very important task.

On this occasion, however, I wish to bring to your kind attention that the country name used for the Island of Cyprus in the documents pertaining to this Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, specifically in document GEGN.2/2019/6/CRP.6, should in no way be construed as a single authority representing the Island as a whole. Therefore, Turkey declares that the approval of this and other documents by the meeting neither constitutes recognition of the Greek Cypriot Administration nor prejudices Turkey's rights and obligations emanating from the Treaty of Guarantee, the Treaty of Alliance, and the Treaty of Establishment of 1960.

Mr. Chairperson, I kindly request that this statement be reflected in the official records of this Session.

Thank you.