



STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

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AUSTRIA welcomes and recognizes the efforts undertaken by the Group of Experts regarding the issues related to geographical names data management.

AUSTRIA supports the adoption and formal ratification of the name change to 'Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management' and requests the UNGEGN Bureau to update the provisional agenda for the UNGEGN Session 2023 accordingly.

AUSTRIA expresses support for the Strategic Plan and the Programme of Work and commends the Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management to deliver its technical expertise and advice, including romanization, within the implementation process of the action items addressed for Strategy 1 – Technical Expertise, and the Strategies 2-5 where requested.

AUSTRIA notes that Linked Data is another stage in the evolution of data management methodologies the Group of Experts needs to consider to facilitate widespread use of standardised geographical names.

AUSTRIA encourages collaborations under the leadership of the Working Group on Geographical Names Management between national names authorities and Linked Data practitioners, continuing to share case studies and demonstrating the combined benefits of standardised geographical names and Linked Data.

Thank you.

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