



## STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

**Agenda Item Number: 14**

**Agenda Item Title: Toponymic data files and gazetteers**

**Title of paper/report:**

**Report of the Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management (formerly known as Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers) for 2019 and 2020**

**Statement/intervention provided by:**

**Norway**

**Statement/intervention:**

**Statement of support**

NORWAY welcomes, recognizes, and encourages the efforts undertaken by the Group of Experts concerning issues related to geographical names data management.

NORWAY supports the Working Group name change to 'Working Group on Geographical Names Data Management' and welcomes its formal ratification. NORWAY requests the UNGEGN Bureau to also revise the provisional agenda for the third UNGEGN Session in 2023.

NORWAY supports GERMANY in 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 addressed for Strategy 1 - Technical Expertise, and Strategies 2-5 where relevant.

NORWAY has taken note that Linked Data represents a new evolution of data management methodologies that the Group of Experts needs to consider to facilitate widespread use of standardised geographical names.

NORWAY welcomes collaborations under the leadership of the Working Group on Geographical Names Management between national names authorities and Linked Data practitioners, in sharing and enabling intercommunication of Linked Data ontologies to support standardised geographical names management and Linked Data development.

Thank you.

The Norwegian UNGEGN delegation

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