



STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

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Statement/intervention:	
<p>The Delegation of Denmark would like to express its thanks to the distinguished delegate Peter Jordan from the Austria Division of the UNGEGN for his statement of 20 April 2021 related to the Danish paper entitled "Decline in the number of Danish exonyms in use for European cities" (GEGN.2/2021/54/CRP.54). Indeed, the Danish case goes to show that at least some exonyms are so deeply rooted in popular usage and hereby also cultural heritage – be it out of tradition or practical reasons – that official attempts to replace them with endonyms out of 'political correctness' have shown to be in vain. Still, it is somewhat puzzling why some exonyms endure (like <i>Rom</i> and <i>Venedig</i>), while others and apparently similar ones have been changed in popular usage as well (like <i>Turin</i> to <i>Torino</i>, <i>Florens</i> to <i>Firenze</i>).</p>	
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