



## STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

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| <b>Agenda Item Number:</b> 13  |          |
| <b>Agenda Item Title:</b> Exonyms  |          |
| <b>Concern:</b> Finland Division's statement of 26 April 2021  |          |
| <b>Statement/intervention provided by:</b><br>Denmark (Johnny Jakobsen)  |          |
| <b>Statement/intervention:</b><br><p>The Delegation of Denmark would like to express its thanks to the distinguished delegates from the Finland Division of the UNGEGN for their statement of 26 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), with special focus on Danish usage of either Finnish or Swedish names for some of the cities of Finland. While Swedish names for several Finnish cities are probably already considered archaic in a Danish context in both official and popular usage, a small group of names are still known in both their forms (e.g. <i>Helsinki/Helsingfors</i> and <i>Turku/Åbo</i>). The recommendation of the Finland Division of a continued/reconsidered usage of the Swedish names in a Danish context is hereby duly noted and the Danish delegation will make sure that the recommendation is announced in the channels at our disposal, and informed to the Danish Language Council (<i>Dansk Sprognævn</i>), the head authority on the matter.</p> |          |
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