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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to inform them that, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision resolution E/RES/2018/2 of 10 November 2017 and decision 2021/261, the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will hold its third session at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 5 May 2023 in New York.

The provisional agenda for the 2023 session will be issued in due time as document GEGN.2/2023/1.¹ A note on documentation for the session is contained in document GEGN.2/2023/INF/1.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if the Permanent Representatives of Member States and the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States would inform him of the names of the members of the delegation of their Government who will attend the session, by registering the composition of their delegations in the e-deleGATE portal (under ECOSOC/ United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names), which will open on 27 February 2023.

Additionally, e-deleGATE Admins/Focal Points in the Permanent Missions are requested to register their participants for the session in the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names module of the e-deleGATE portal, also starting from 27 February 2023 with the "Temporary delegate" account, so they could receive Secretariat's messages, circulated through the portal.

The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to request those Governments which may wish to submit summary reports in support of items of the provisional agenda, to do so no later than 20 January 2023, in accordance with the procedures outlined in document GEGN.2/2023/INF/1.

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¹ A tentative provisional agenda and documentation are available on the session's website at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/>.