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Exonyms

Proposal on a decision "on the use and safeguarding of exonyms"

Summary **

At the 2021 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held on-line 3– 7 May 2021, CRP53 "Quatre types d'exonymes" and CRP 73 "Exonyms as part of the cultural heritage" were presented. Following these papers that recognised the value of exonyms, there was a discussion on a decision on reconsidering past UNGEGN resolutions on exonyms that requested a reduction of exonyms.

At the 24th meeting of the exonyms working group, held in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 31 August to 3 September 2022, as a result of an intensive deliberation, the working group agreed on a draft recommendation. This paper invites the group of experts to discuss and adopt the draft recommendation.

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