

Statement by Google
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Mr. Chair,

It's with regret that we must correct the record with respect to some of the content of GEGN.2/2025/17/CRP.17, entitled "Excessive use of exonyms by Google" submitted by Austria.

While we don't necessarily disagree with the sentiment of the report, we must assure the group of experts that the examples attributed to Google in this paper are not from any Google product or influenced by any of Google's products. Furthermore, we've checked the exonyms discussed in this paper and confirmed that we use the correct endonym on Google Maps and other Google products.

We appreciate the group's commitment to accuracy and productive discussion, and hope that this correction will not detract from the spirit of the discussion on the topic.

Thank you