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Report of the Portuguese-speaking Division

Summary **

During the intersessional period of 2023-2025, the Portuguese-speaking Division continued to hold quarterly meetings, focusing on organizing actions to implement phase 2 of its work plan. The main objective of this phase is to enhance the dissemination of the official toponymic data of member countries and train the teams responsible for geographic names in the respective countries.

The actions carried out include improving the Division's website and publishing the official geographic names of the main administrative units of the active member countries—Brazil, Cabo Verde, and Mozambique. Additionally, aiming at capacity-building and the exchange of experiences among member countries, an online lecture series is planned for 2025, starting in May.

A significant challenge faced by the Division was the withdrawal of Timor-Leste and Sao Tome and Principe, which had been actively involved in the initial process of revitalizing the Division.

This paper is for information.

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