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Summary**

The report of the Chair will cover at a strategic level the activities accomplished during the intersessional period from May 2023 to February 2025. The report will feature the governance and subsidiary arrangements of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, including the operation of the Bureau, the expanded Bureau, linguistic and geographical divisions, working groups and task teams. It will also address the contribution of the Group of Experts to the coordination segment of its parent body, the Economic and Social Council, as well as the high-level political forum on sustainable development and activities being pursued to strengthen relations with other United Nations bodies such as the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The report will feature a high-level examination of the work performed on the implementation of the Group of Experts strategic plan and programme of work 2021–2029. It will also examine the operational challenges and outlook for the future work of the Group of Experts given the overall priorities of the United Nations, the advances in technologies that have an impact on the standardization of geographical names and the overall social, economic and environmental challenges being experienced globally.

The Group of Experts is invited to discuss and comment on the findings and proposals contained in the report.

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