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**Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
(for discussion and decision)**

<i>Statement provided by:</i> David Henderson, Chief Geospatial Officer, Ordnance Survey. Head of UK Delegation.	
<i>Statement:</i> The United Kingdom notes with appreciation the finalisation of UNGEGN's Strategic Plan and Programme of Work, understanding that these documents will assist in the fulfilment of UNGEGN's goals, and provide information to external bodies, including UN-GGIM. The UK sees these documents as aligned to the wider priorities of United Nations agendas and we believe they will promote the continuation of collaboration between UN bodies, thus leading to the wider standardisation of geographical names. Understandably, given the constraints of meeting in the past year, there has not been the level of interaction between the UN-GGIM and UNGEGN Bureaus as had been hoped for and envisaged. The UK hopes that these efforts are renewed in the coming period and supports the recommendation that collaboration would be facilitated through identifying areas of partnership such as sharing technical expertise and geographical names data, and pursuing joint capacity building initiatives.	
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