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

Statement provided by:

Canada

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Canada thanks the UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) for its work, and notes and welcomes the progress undertaken by UNGEGN to approve a Strategic Plan and Programme of Work at its second session, held virtually in May 2021.

Geographical names are an essential referencing component for national geospatial data infrastructures, as well as an important element of a nation's linguistic and cultural heritage. Canada supports a strong relationship between the Committee of Experts and the Group of Experts to create synergies and collaboration, advance work items being pursued by both intergovernmental bodies, and to strengthen the management of geospatial information.

Canada encourages all Member States to establish or improve communication and coordination between their national geographical names authorities and national geospatial management organizations, to advance collaboration, exchange technical expertise, and share authoritative geographical names data.

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