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Letter dated 2 March 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Economic and Social Council decision 1998/221 of 23 July 1998, on the Seventh and eighth United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names. In subparagraph (a) of this decision, the Council recommends that the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names be convened for eight working days in the second half of the year 2002.

I have the honour to submit herewith an offer from the Federal Government of Germany to host the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in the year 2002. The Council is invited to decide on Germany's offer.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Economic and Social Council under item 13 (f) of the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 1999.

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