

(c) Transmit to the Secretary-General information on the progress being made in the standardization of geographical names, copies of gazetteers, maps and information concerning technical procedures being used in the standardization of domestic names, information on the techniques and systems used in the transliteration of names of other countries, and as appropriate their comments on the report of the Group of Experts;

3. *Requests the Secretary-General:*

(a) To publish the report of the Group of Experts in the series entitled *World Cartography*;

(b) To provide clearing-house functions for collecting information on the standardization of geographical names being carried out by Member States and for periodically supplying Member States with information on the material received and on where it may be obtained;

(c) To assist Governments of Member States, when requested, in the establishment of national organizations for standardizing geographical names and in the solution of specific problems concerning geographical names, calling upon experts in the practical application of nomenclature when desirable;

(d) To assist, when requested, in the creation of working groups of representatives from countries using the same linguistic system;

(e) To report to the Council within two years on the progress being made by the Governments of Member States in the domestic standardization of geographical names and on the desirability of convening an international conference on this question.

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27 April 1961.*

815 (XXXI). Convening of an international technical conference on the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report on the convening of an international technical conference on the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale¹⁹ prepared by the Secretary-General in pursuance of Council resolution 761 C (XXIX) of 21 April 1960,

Recognizing that thirty Governments responded favourably to, or showed interest in, the idea of holding an international technical conference to review and, if necessary, revise the specifications of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale,

¹⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, documents E/3448 and Add.1 and 2.*

Noting that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has offered to assume responsibility for the arrangements for the conference in accordance with paragraph 2 (e) of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII), of 13 December 1957, dealing with meetings away from Headquarters,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To take all necessary measures for an international technical conference to review the specifications of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale to be held at Bonn in the second half of 1962;

(b) To consult the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as the interested specialized agencies themselves, on the proposed amendments to the specifications of the International Map of the World on the Millionth Scale, and to prepare a report on the basis of these consultations in time for consideration by the conference;

(c) To invite States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as the interested specialized agencies, to attend the conference.

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816 (XXXI). Convening of a United Nations regional cartographic conference for Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the convening of a United Nations regional cartographic conference for Africa,²⁰

Noting that the Governments of the States members of the Economic Commission for Africa, at the third session of the Commission, expressed their desire that such a conference should be convened,

Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and in consultation with interested specialized agencies, to take the necessary steps to convene, not later than the end of 1962, a United Nations regional cartographic conference for Africa, including the sending of invitations to the members and associate members of the Economic Commission for Africa, to the specialized agencies concerned and to other interested inter-governmental organizations, and the preparation of a provisional agenda on the basis of that outlined in the above-mentioned report.

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²⁰ *Ibid.*, documents E/3465 and Add.1.