

ECOSOC Decision 2003/294

Recommendations made by the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2003, in view of the continuing important contributions made by standardized geographical names, toponymic data files and gazetteers to the work of decision makers, cartographers, linguists, planners and the public at large, as well as the essential contribution that the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names continue to make to the work of Member States in the field of geographical information and related cartographic areas, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Endorsed the recommendation of the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names¹ that the Ninth Conference should be convened for eight working days in the second half of 2007;

(b) Also endorsed the recommendation of the Eighth Conference that the twenty-second session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names should be convened in 2004;²

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to take measures, where appropriate and within available resources, to implement the other recommendations made by the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, especially with regard to the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

¹ E/2003/4, para. 4.

² Ibid.