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Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names at its 2021 session: recommendation 2

At its 13th plenary meeting, on 22 July 2021, the Economic and Social Council, recalling that in its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, the General Assembly had called for intergovernmental bodies and forums of the Economic and Social Council to reflect the integrated nature of the Sustainable Development Goals as well as the interlinkages between them, and recalling also General Assembly resolution [72/305](#) of 23 July 2018 on the review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution [68/1](#) on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, in which the Assembly had emphasized that the Council should aim at creating synergy and coherence in its work to ensure efficiency and effectiveness and that it should ensure harmonization and coordination of the agendas and work programmes of its subsidiary bodies, while ensuring that the principles, critical aspects and implementation gaps of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development¹ were addressed:

(a) Acknowledged that there were numerous elements of geographical names standardization with potential connections to the natural environment;

(b) Recognized that the work programme of the Group of Experts to date had not fully explored the relationship that geographical names, national names programmes and the work of the Group of Experts had, or could have, with shaping human understanding of, and impact on, the environment;

(c) Decided that the Group of Experts would consider current and potential connections between geographical names and the environment and incorporate examples of relevant practices, research or working relationships in its operations and deliberations.

¹ General Assembly resolution [70/1](#).