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PCGN Meeting Minutes, Monday 25th March 2019
Royal Geographical Society, London

Present

PCGN Staff

Defence Geographic Centre (JFIG-DGC)

Defence Language Service (DLS)

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)

BBC Monitoring (BBCM)

British Library (BL)

Apologies for absence: PCGN, Royal Scottish Geographical Society, Ordnance Survey, UK Hydrographic Office and FCO.

1. Head PCGN welcomed the Committee members.
2. The Minutes of the 203rd meeting were considered and action items arising discussed.
3. Head PCGN briefly discussed the previously circulated report detailing recent work completed by the PCGN staff.
4. Head PCGN updated the Committee on preparations for the celebration of PCGN's centenary.
5. PCGN reported on the change of the name of the capital city of Kazakhstan from Astana to Nur-Sultan and confirmed that the country name of 'Macedonia' had changed to 'North Macedonia'.
6. Upcoming meetings for PCGN included the first new-style Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) in New York next month.

7. DLS reported that their staff had used the BGN/PCGN Ukrainian Romanization System, and offered to pass feedback from the linguists to PCGN.
8. BBCM confirmed that the BBC was now using the names 'North Macedonia' and 'Nur-Sultan'.
9. FCO reported on the country name change to North Macedonia. FCO had also been involved with work for Operation Yellowhammer.
10. BL informed the Committee of new acquisitions.
11. DGC reported on their work for the Multinational Geospatial Co-production Program (MGCP). They also mentioned that the next edition of the Global International Boundary Dataset (GIBD) was underway.
12. PCGN shared the latest Factfile of Egypt. They also explained that the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (PATA) of Pakistan had been merged with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.
13. There was nothing to report under Any Other Business.