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**Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity
(including indigenous, minority and regional language names)**

Protection for Cultural Heritage of Geographical Names in China

Submitted by China**

Summary***

As a country with a long history, there are a myriad of Chinese geographical names which are rich in cultural meanings. According to the resolutions on protecting the cultural heritage of geographical names which were made by the United Nation's Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names, China started to research and protect the culture of geographical names from 2004, and got good results.

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