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**Terminology in the standardization of geographical names**

### Report of the Working Group on Toponymic Terminology

#### Summary\*\*

The report presents the work done by the Working Group on Toponymic Terminology during the period 2007-2012, starting with a short background. The Working Group was established in 1989 and launched a first, printed version of its *Glossary of Terms for the Standardization of Geographical Names* in 2002, followed by an addendum in 2007. The Working Group met four times during the period: in Vienna (2008), Toronto, Canada (2008), Uppsala, Sweden (2010) and Vienna (2011). Fruitful cooperation with the terminology group of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences was begun, starting with a joint meeting between the two terminology groups in 2008. New or amended toponymic terms and/or definitions were discussed throughout the period but no decisions of any kind were made. Instead, the Working Group encouraged the development of a database on toponymic terminology, which is already under way, based on the above-mentioned *Glossary of Terms*.

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\*\* The full report was prepared by Staffan Nyström (Sweden), Convener of the Working Group, and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.

