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REPORT ON AFGHANISTAN

Paper presented by Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, the geographical names are usually written in national systems of Pashto and Dari alphabetical systems. A system of transliteration, based on the Latin Alphabet, for geographical names, was established for the first time in 1957. A second revised edition of this system was published in English-Dari (Afghan Persian) in August 1962.

The system was simplified once again in 1973 and a phonetic-type alphabet was established.

In 1976 a committee of experts was appointed to discuss the matter of standardization of geographical names on maps and a phonemic alphabet was established for Pashto and Dari which was produced in the regional conference (Afghanistan - Iran - Pakistan) held in Teheran, 9-10 May 1977.