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**Reports by Governments on the situation in their countries  
and on the progress made in the standardization of  
geographical names since the Eighth Conference**

#### **Country report: Canada**

#### **Submitted by Canada\*\***

#### **Summary\*\*\***

Changes undergone by Canada's national names authority are discussed. The strategic plan of the Geographical Names Board of Canada (GNBC) was revised. Most decisions on geographical names are still made at the provincial/territorial level. Publications produced between 2002 and 2007 are identified. Databases and websites at the national and provincial/territorial levels have been updated or upgraded. New policies have been approved or are in the process of becoming official. Various jurisdictions are finding ways of connecting toponymy to heritage. Members of the Board have participated in numerous international activities since the last Conference. ISO 9001:2000 standards continue to be followed for activities and processes carried out in the production of toponymic products at the Centre for Topographic Information.

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