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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 Ninth Conference
(for distribution only).**

Country Report of Georgia

Submitted by Georgia**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,
Distinguished Chair,

First of all, I would like to convey gratitude to the organizers for the preparation of this important event. My delegation is honored to participate in both 27th Session of UNGEGN and 10th UNCSGN Conference of the UNGEGN. We are convinced that these forums serve as an excellent opportunity to learn about other countries, including their geographic and linguistic distinctiveness.

Last year, Georgia participated in the 26th Session of the UNGEGN for the first time. During the Session Georgian delegation presented the system of transliteration and showcased its operational simplicity and compatibility with informational technologies.

I would like to use this opportunity and present the activities carried out during the past year by Georgian State commission on establishment, normalization use, and protection of Geographical features and names in cooperation with Agency for Public Registry, Institute of Geography and Institute of Linguistic research.

As you are aware, we are just at the beginning of this paramount process. Therefore at the first stage the State Commission established, confirmed and approved geographical features and names in accordance with the 1:50 000 scale map. Simultaneously, mentioned geographical features were processed by the Public Registry.

Mentioned features include 351 reservoirs, glaciers, capes, lakes and bays as well as 78 settlements. All the relevant documents can be viewed on the UNGEGN web site, as well as on the web page designed by the Public Registry Geodatabase.

I would like to use this opportunity and request distinguished audience to use the information provided on the above mentioned web sites as the only guidelines in the process of drawing maps of whole territory of Georgia or its particular regions. The State Commission, as well as the Public Registry will welcome any additional questions regarding this issue.

As for the future plans, the establishment of the group of experts necessary for field expeditions is underway and we will further reinforce our activities in this important direction. Additionally, we stand ready to inform the UNGEGN regarding the conducted activities on the regular basis.

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