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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)**

### Report of Jordan

#### Summary\*\*

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is recognized as one of the foremost States in the Arab world with regard to geographical names. The Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre, which oversees and hosts the National Committee on Geographical Names, has issued numerous publications, including, inter alia, maps, plans, atlases, books and glossaries, in both printed and digital form, with a view to preserving geographical designations in Jordan. It has also submitted many new names to the decision makers and has harmonized for the decision makers many changes in the names of population settlements in accordance with the principles that have been adopted by the National Committee on Geographical Names. The Committee meets every month in order to consider matters relating to geographical names and its rules of procedure have been distributed at conferences held by the United Nations and by the Arabic Division of Experts, in order to maximize its benefits. The Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre and the National Committee on Geographical Names have also published an index of Jordanian place names in both printed and digital form, which has similarly been distributed at United Nations and Arab conferences. Jordan uses the Arab standardized system for the Romanization of geographical names.

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