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**Reports by divisions of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the situation in their divisions and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Eighth Conference**

### **Report of the Division of Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia (activity between 2003-2007)**

**Submitted by the Division of Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia\*\***

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

The Division of Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, formed pursuant to resolution 1 adopted at the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, includes the experts from nine permanent country members: Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine. Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Estonia are working in the Division as observers.

The report provides information on the Division's meetings held between 2003 and 2007. At those meetings, the experts discussed the current status of the national and international standardization of geographical names, the development of the national databases of geographical names, and the development and application of national romanization systems. It was mentioned that the Division of Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia works in cooperation with the Baltic Division and the Working Group of the Inter-State Council for Geodesy, Cartography, Cadastre and Remote Control of the Earth of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

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