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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
Tenth Conference (for distribution only).**

**Report concerning the progress made in Romania in the
standardization of the geographical names between 2012-2017**

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Report concerning the progress made in Romania in the standardization of the geographical names between 2012-2017

The constant presence of Romania at the United Nations Conferences on the standardization of geographical names confirms the will of our country to implement the resolutions adopted by the previous conferences and to contribute to a better international cooperation.

Romania supports the principle promoted since the first United Nations Conference held in Geneva in 1967, stating that a standardization at the international level can only be successful if based on each country's efforts to solve its internal problems concerning the geographical names in accordance with the United Nations recommendations and on encouraging common approaches by exchange of experiences.

Since the last Conference in 2012, according to the Government Decision no. 579/15.07.2015, the Technical Commission on Geographical Names in Romania (TCGNR) consisting of representatives of ten public authorities was established. The Presidency and the Secretary belong to the Ministry of National Defense through Military Topographic Directorate, which represents the national point of contact at the United Nations for geographical names issues. The Commission's responsibilities include the promoting of laws and regulations at national level in the field of geographical names, the coordination at national level of the activities related to the geographical names, the analysis of the proposals regarding acceptances and changes of the geographical names as well as the national representation at conferences and working groups in the field of geographical names. Besides this, the Commission promotes for approval to National Spatial Infrastructure Council the proposals for acceptances or changes of the geographical names, lists with exonyms and endonyms and geographical names related to the national immaterial patrimony.

In order to implement the European Union INSPIRE Directive, the public authorities which own relevant datasets were identified and a working group at technical level was established in order to produce a common dataset at national level.

Regarding the publication of the geographical names datasets, Ministry of National Defense implemented visualization and download services on its own geoportal which is the MoD component of the Romanian National INSPIRE Geoportal. Also, the National Agency for Cadaster and Land Registration has published visualization services for its own geographical names dataset on the Romanian National INSPIRE Geoportal.

In conclusion, we appreciate that since the last Conference significant progresses have been realized by the establishment of the TCGNR and by publication of the web services based on datasets produced by the main mapmaker organizations. Future effort will be concentrated on the datasets consolidation in such a way to obtain a reference database as well as on the connexion between this and other geospatial databases at the level of geographic features, according to the recommendations adopted during United Nations Conferences.