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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
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Report of Austria

Summary**

The report highlights the main activities of Austria since the Ninth Conference, such as the updating of the toponymic guidelines for Austria and their publication as a seventh edition; the promotion of minority group names, especially of the Slovene minority in Carinthia, by a new law on place names (as of 2011); the incorporation of Slovene field names into the Austrian list of intangible cultural heritage; the publication of bilingual (Slovene-German) tourist maps of several Carinthian communes and the publication of a second revised and amended edition of an annotated bilingual register of Carinthian names by the linguist Heinz-Dieter Pohl; the publication of "Recommendations for the rendering of geographical names in Austrian educational media" in 2012 by the Austrian Board on Geographical Names; the organization of a joint meeting of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names of Austria, the Working Group on Exonyms of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the Dutch- and German-speaking and East Central and South-East Europe Divisions of the Group of Experts in 2010 in Tainach (Carinthia); the integration of all kinds of settlement names into the digital landscape model — Range Names — maintained by the Federal Agency for Surveying and Mapping after the closure of the Austrian Gazetteer, which was published until 2001 by Statistics Austria; as well as the publication of a book on research into place names in Austria on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Austrian Board on Geographical Names and of research into place names at the Institute for Lexicography of Austrian Dialects and Names of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

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