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Report of Egypt: 2007-2012

Submitted by Egypt**

Summary***

In this report we review the legal framework for the standardization of geographical names in the Arab Republic of Egypt, the parties responsible for that standardization, and the laws and regulations which govern their work.

The report sets forth the progress that has been made in collecting geographical names and describes the geographical databases in Egypt, the most significant of which are the 2006 Egyptian census geographical data system of the Centre for Public Mobilization and Statistics and the applications of the Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage.

Activities undertaken by Egypt include entries in the contests on geographical names in Africa that were held on the sidelines of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions of the United Nations Group of Experts. At both sessions, Egypt was placed second out of all the African States.

Egypt also participated in numerous international conferences and relevant meetings, as well as in the work of the technical committees of the Group of Experts and the Arabic Division of Experts, and has published reports on its activities in Group of Experts publications.

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*** The full text of the report is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.



Egypt has contributed to the updating of the World Geonames Database of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names by providing the names of Egyptian cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants and sound files of their pronunciation. Its experts are cooperating with the team that is working in Africa in developing the “Africa GeoNyms” software for African geographical names, which is available at <http://geoinfo.uneca.org/geonyms>.
