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Report of Germany

Summary**

The main activities for the standardization of geographical names on a national level in Germany in the period 2007-2012 were carried out by the Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names) and the Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie (Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy).

Pursuant to resolution VIII/6, adopted at the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, the first priority for Germany on a national level was to develop a geographical names database for the country that would serve as an integral part of the digital landscape models maintained at the Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (Digital Landscape Models 250 and 1000). The new database would replace various existing geographical names databases and become part of the national spatial data infrastructure of Germany, the components of which will be compliant with European spatial data infrastructure, which has to be established through European Union legislation.

Second, with respect to the rapidly increasing importance of European solutions evolving according to spatial information, priority was put on the realization of the project EuroGeoNames, a programme for developing a dataset of infrastructure and services regarding European geographical names. The EuroGeoNames project was developed by a consortium of nine members from five countries and supported extensively by the national mapping and cadastral agencies

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from 15 European countries. Since 2009, EuroGeoNames project coordination has been transferred to EuroGeographics, the European association of national mapping and cadastral agencies.

Third, major support was provided for the activities of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names regarding the organization and conducting of toponymic training courses.
