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**National and international standardization of
geographical names: names collection, office
treatment, national authorities, features beyond a
single sovereignty and international cooperation****Changing the name of Maluku Tenggara Barat
Regency to Kepulauan Tanimbar Regency, Maluku
Province, Indonesia******Summary*****

The procedures for renaming administrative regions in Indonesia are defined in Minister of Home Affairs Decree No. 30/2012 concerning guidelines for naming administrative regions, naming capital city, renaming administrative regions, renaming capital city, and moving capital city. The three main issues to consider when renaming administrative regions are:

- (a) Whether the name conforms to local history, customs and culture;
- (b) Similarity to the name of other administrative regions;
- (c) Geographical conditions.

The objective of changing the names of administrative regions is to establish conformity between the designated name for an administrative region and local history and customs, as well as culture. The full report contains an example of the renaming of an administrative region proposed by the local government and people of Maluku Tenggara Barat Regency.

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

** The present summary was submitted after the deadline as a result of consultations with the Member State.

*** The full report was prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/87/CRP.87.

