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Standardization of Geographical Names**

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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
(for distribution only).**

Report of the Republic of Mozambique

Submitted by Republic of Mozambique**

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The Mozambique report on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since ninth conference

National Geographical Names Authority

As already mentioned in our last reports to the ninth UN conference the process to setup the geographical Names Authority in Mozambique, was at stage of approval by the Government.

Now is very pleasure to announce that in the early 2008 installation committee was created to revitalized the mentioned process of creating the geographical Names authority in Mozambique and, as a result, by decree 83/2009 of the Council of Ministers on 12/29/2009 was finally established the names authority of Mozambique which is called Institute of Geographical Names of Mozambique (INGEMO).

The Institute of Geographical Names of Mozambique (INGEMO) is a public institution endowed with administrative autonomy, within the Ministry of State Administration.

According to mentioned decree, activities of INGEMO cover the entire national territory. At local level INGEMO is represented through provincial and districts commissions.

Within their assignments INGEMO can be a member of national, regional or international related associations and organizations.

The main powers of INGEMO are:

- a) The standardization and allocation of geographical names
- b) The identification and harmonization of geographical names

Activities carried out by INGEMO since its inception

As the first activities of the institution after its creation, was his establishment to the central level and the constitution of the technical committees at the local level. The members of those committees are the public employees from institutions where the activities are related to geographical names.

Were designed and conducted technical training programs directed to members of the Provincial and Districts Technical Committees. Also provides technical assistance to municipalities in the drafting of proposed allocation and renaming of geographic features within the municipal territory.

From 2010 to this part were analyzed 179 names proposals submitted by municipalities. 162 names of access roads were standardized, 10 names of territorial units and 7 names of geographical features.

Establishing rules

Currently INGEMO is committed to the approval of legislation on geographical names, since that is in force is out of date