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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 Denmark

#### Summary\*\*

Since the Ninth Conference, the Commonwealth of the Danish Realm has seen the establishment of a new organization for the standardization of geographical names for the Faroe Islands, effectively placing all parts of the Realm under a geographical names standardization board. Efforts are still under way in Denmark to secure a law on geographical names.

The standardization of geographical names has a long tradition in Denmark, which celebrated its centenary in 2010 with several public arrangements and the launch of an online portal of officially authorized Danish geographical names. The National Survey and Cadastre carries out state-of-the-art activities on geographical names and collaborates with the Greenland Language Secretariat on the correct spelling of Greenlandic geographical names on the new charts for Greenlandic waters.

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\*\* The full report was prepared by Peder Gammeltoft, University of Copenhagen, and John Jensen, National Survey and Cadastre, Denmark, and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.

