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Standardization of geographical names in Mongolia between 2008 and 2012

Summary**

The Administration of Land Affairs, Construction, Geodesy and Cartography has made some changes in its structure and to the geographical names of Mongolia during the period between 2008 and 2012.

The Administration was established in 2008 by merging three different agencies under the Ministry of Roads, Transportation, Construction and Urban Development: the Land Administration Authority, the Construction and Public Utilities Authority and the State Administration of Geodesy and Cartography.

In 2009, the Administration proposed that the Government establish a national council for geographic names under the Ministry of Roads, Transportation, Construction and Urban Development, but the proposal was rejected.

Since 2010, however, the Administration has conducted research on Mongolian land laws in order to update them, and has decided to make some changes in the laws on geodesy and cartography.

After discussions relating to the establishment of national councils for geographical names and for topographical infrastructure, the Administration, as the entity responsible for the geographical names of the State, has incorporated the results of those discussions into an updated version of the laws on geodesy and cartography.

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The law is to be discussed in parliamentary meetings. In the meantime, the Administration has been carrying out the following activities:

(a) The Administration generated instructions for the clarification of Mongolian geographical names;

(b) In March 2012, the Administration began the clarification of geographical names in three provinces, beginning in the eastern part of Mongolia;

(c) The Administration successfully began work in 2011 to identify the geographical names and determine the border coordinates of Mongolian municipal units along the borders of the country.

Between 2007 and 2011, the Administration began updating maps for 1,210 sheets at a scale of 1:100,000, beginning in the eastern part of Mongolia. It has determined the names of topographical elements such as wells, fountains, pastures, settlements and villages, including their purposes, and has recorded the changes to industrial places and municipal units, by conducting field studies, defining their coordinates and including them in topographical maps.
