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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 Palestine

Summary**

- Pursuant to a Cabinet decision that was adopted at its weekly meeting No. 63, which was held on 23 August 2010, the Palestinian Committee on Geographical Names was formed.
- Consideration was given to the nature of the information available to institutions on the issue of geographical names, and a compilation was made of the principle sources of such information, which included British 1:100,000, 1:20,000 and 1:10,000 scale maps.
- A file on Palestinian towns with more than 100,000 Arab inhabitants has been sent to the geographical names.
- A file on the Arab Palestinian geographical terms has been sent to the geographical names.
- The geographical names in a number of governorates have been transcribed and documented in English and Arabic from the 1:100,000 and 1:20,000 scale maps, using the system of the *Gazetteer* that was followed in the British maps of the Palestine survey.
- The 1:10,000 scale maps of the governorate of Jerusalem have been dealt with.

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** The full report was prepared by Sanaa Birawy (Palestine), Chair of the Palestinian Committee on Geographical Names, and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.



- The Palestinian geographical locations in the West Bank of which the Israeli authorities have changed the names to Israeli names have been identified.
 - A start has been made on verifying Arabic names in the governorate of Jenin.
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