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Report of the Russian Federation

Summary**

The legislative basis for naming and renaming of geographical objects, as well as for the standardization, usage, registration and storage of geographical names as a part of the historical and cultural heritage, was set by the Federal Law No. 152 “On names of geographical objects”, adopted on 18 December 1997. In 2008, the Federal Law “On ratifying amendments to the Federal Law ‘On names of geographical objects’” was adopted. The amendments were introduced to detail the basic notions and purviews of the original law and to bring some of its provisions into line with the Russian Federation legislation in force.

As a result of the reorganization of the federal executive authorities, the functions to develop the State policy and normative and legislative regulations for geodesy, cartography and geographical names were delegated to the Ministry of Economic Development. The Federal Service of State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography (Rosreestr) was charged with the responsibility to develop and maintain the State Catalogue of Geographical Names (database), to standardize the names of geographical objects in Russian, to examine proposals on the naming and renaming of geographical objects and to provide international cooperation in the standardization of geographical names.

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** The full report was prepared by the Russian Federal Service of State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography (Rosreestr), and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.



The report describes some trends in the national standardization of geographical names and progress achieved, mentions the main map products issued in the reporting period and provides information on the use of the GOST83 Romanization system approved by the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names for maps and atlases published for international circulation.

The report lists some international meetings relating to geographical names, which the Russian experts attended between 2007 and 2012, and relevant projects undertaken during the period.
