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Report of the Working Group on Romanization Systems: current status of United Nations romanization systems for geographical names

Summary**

The report outlines the main developments in the status of various romanization systems on the agenda of the Working Group on Romanization Systems of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. Information is provided on the romanization systems of Arabic, Bulgarian, Khmer, Macedonian Cyrillic, Nepali, Persian; Armenian, Belarusian, Georgian, Maldivian and Ukrainian. Systems likely to be presented for approval at the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names include Belarusian, Bulgarian, Persian and Ukrainian. A new romanization system is being developed for Armenian. Discussions on the romanization of Arabic, Georgian and Nepali are continuing.

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