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Report of Estonia

Summary**

The report outlines the main activities relating to the official standardization of geographical names in Estonia in the period from 2007 to 2012, including planned updates to the Place Names Act, approval of the list of island names and that of parishes (*parochia*). Extensive work was undertaken with the establishment of the address data system in 2007, including spelling revisions for the names of cadastral units. Annual place name days have been continued. New minority names have been approved in Swedish.

Since its establishment in 2007, the Estonian national topographic database has contained basic topographic data for services and topographic maps. New digital maps are also produced by the Estonian Maritime Administration, which in 2009 opened a new map application on the web.

The National Place Names Register currently contains about 35,800 features and the Maritime Administration publishes several documents with geographical names data on its website.

Estonian experts have participated in all five meetings of the Baltic Division held since 2007 and have coordinated the activities of the Division during that period.

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** The full report was prepared by Aule Kikas, Peeter Päll and others of the Place Names Board of Estonia and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.

