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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 
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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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Estonia and is available in the language of submission only from http://unstats.un.org/unsd/ 
geoinfo/UNEGGN/ungegnConf10.html.