



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
9 July 2012

Original: English

Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

New York, 31 July-9 August 2012

Item 4 of the provisional agenda*

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 Croatia

Summary**

The report outlines the activities related to the standardization of geographical names in Croatia since the Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, held in New York from 21 to 30 August 2007.

The items reported on include changes to the administrative structure of national names authorities, legislation, policies and procedures; issues relating to national standardization of geographical names; the register of geographical names of minorities; exonyms; the Croatian gazetteer and its website, as well as the website of the East Central and South-East Europe Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names; and the register of names of the new official maps of Croatia.

The Croatian State Geodetic Administration has presided over the East Central and South-East Europe Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names since the Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names held in New York, from 21 to 30 August 2007. The nineteenth and twentieth sessions of the Division were held in Zagreb in 2008 and 2011. The twentieth session was organized as part of the joint meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and EuroGeoNames, the European geographical names system, to which Croatia is now connected. During the session, the Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers held a meeting; a workshop was also held on EuroGeoGraphics and EuroGeoNames.

* E/CONF.101/1.

** The full report was prepared by Željko Hećimović of the State Geodetic Administration, Croatia, and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEgn/ungegnConf10.html>.



The gazetteer of the Republic of Croatia has been produced and is available from <http://cgn.dgu.hr>. The register of names for the new map sheets has also been produced. The activities at the international and national level in the field of standardization of geographical names are the defining platform for further development in this area in Croatia and the basis for the integration of Croatia into international systems in the field of standardization of geographical names and spatial data infrastructure.
