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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 Brazil

Summary**

The report provides a description of the actions taken by Brazil since the Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names as part of its efforts to standardize its set of geographical names. In the report, information is provided on:

(a) Participation of Brazil in national and international conferences and congresses;
(b) Launch of the concise Portuguese-language version of the *Glossary of Terms for the Standardization of Geographical Names*;
(c) Websites of the Portuguese-speaking Division and the Geographical Names Database of Brazil;
(d) Contribution to the World Geographical Names Database maintained by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names;
(e) Launch of a glossary of generic terminology and a gazetteer of geographical names;
(f) Current status of the Geographical Names Database of Brazil;
(g) Training courses in Brazil;

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** The full report was prepared by Cláudio João Barreto dos Santos, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics, and is available in the language of submission only from http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html.
(h) Project on geographical names of the State of Paraná with the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics;

(i) Creation and activities of the Committee on Geographical Names of the National Commission of Cartography;

(j) Creation of a reference centre on geographical names at the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics.