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The Permanent Committee on Geographical Names (Ständiger Ausschuß für geographische Namen - StAGN), in which experts of the German speaking countries Austria, Germany and Switzerland are working together, publishes in no particular order a list of country names in German language. This publication contains the German exonyms of all countries, derivations therefrom as well as their capitals.

The list is structured as follows:

- Running number: 1
- Shortened form of German exonym: Afghanistan (Afghanistan)
- Long form of German exonym: Islamischer Staat Afghanistan
(Islamic State of Afghanistan)
- Two-letter-code: AF
- Three-letter-code: AFG
- Numeric code: 004
(IAW ISO-Form)
- Adjective: afghanisch (Afghan)
- Individual's designation: Afghane (Afghan)
- Capital/Seat of government: Kabul

The indicated countries, derivations therefrom and names of their capitals always correspond to those names used by the Foreign Offices of

- the Republic of Austria,
- the Federal Republic of Germany,
- the Swiss Confederation, and by
- the German Translation Service with the United Nations.

In case of differences between the official names used by the four offices listed, these differences are marked accordingly. Partly, there are also supplements, if they seem to be necessary from the scientific point of view. These commenting supplements made by StAGN always figure as a footnote in italics.

At the 15th UNGEGN Session held in Geneva in 1991, StAGN submitted the second edition of the list of country names in German language as of July 1991. A third edition as of May 1993 has now been amended by a supplement as of 3 March 1994.

The third edition and its supplement is attached to this Working Paper.

The translated title of the list of country names is as follows:

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