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**A CONCISE LIST OF THE NEW CZECH EXONYMS CONCERNING THE FORMER SOVIET UNION**

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The creation of new Czech exonyms connected with the dissolution of the Soviet Union was discussed during the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names held at Geneva in 1996.<sup>1</sup> This concise schedule is intended as the excerpt of the new most important Czech exonyms derived from the russian names of the geographical features situated outside the borders of the

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<sup>1</sup> cf. United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Newsletter No. 20, October 1997, p.45, para 223 and 18<sup>th</sup> Session of UN Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Geneva 1996, Working Paper No.53.

Russian Federation and within the borders of the former Soviet Union. I think that the problem whether the below listed exonyms ought to have only topical validity limited temporarily, or not, is to be solved in the near future.

CZECH EXONYM	DESIGNATION	STATE	FORMER RUSSIAN ENDONYM	CONTEMPORARY ENDONYM
Alma-Ata	town	Kazakhstan	Алма-Ата	Almaty
Amudarja	river	Turkmenistan	Аму-Дарья	Amyderya
Amudarja	river	Uzbekistan	Аму-Дарья	Amuderyo
Andižan	town	Uzbekistan	Андижан	Andišon or Andijon
Ašchabad	town	Turkmenistan	Ашхабад	Āgabat or Ashgabat
Bajkonur	town	Kazakhstan	Байконур	Bajqonyr or Bayqonyr
Baku	town	Azerbaijan	Баку	Baky
Balchaš	lake	Kazakhstan	Балхаш	Balqash
Borísov	town	Belarus	Борисов	Барысаў
Buchara	town	Uzbekistan	Бухара	Buxoro or Bukhoro
Čardžou	town	Turkmenistan	Чарджоу	Čärjew or Chardzhev
Cernigov	town	Ukraine	Чернігів	Chernihiv
Cernobyl	town	Ukraine	Чернобиль	Chornobyl
Dnepropetrovsk	town	Ukraine	Днепропетровск	Dnipropetrovsk
Dněstr or Dnestr	river	Moldova	Днестр	Nistru
Dněstr or Dnestr	river	Ukraine	Днестр	Dniester
Ečmiadzin	town	Armenia	Эчмиадзин	Ejmiacin
Fergana	town	Uzbekistan	Фергана	Farghona
Gjandža	town	Azerbaijan	Гянджа	Gäncä
Gomel'	town	Belarus	Гомель	Gomel'
Grodno	town	Belarus	Гродно	Grodna
Charkov	town	Ukraine	Харков	Harkiv
Chodžent	town	Tajikistan	Ходжент	Xuđand
Kara-Bogaz-Gol	gulf	Turkmenistan	Кара-Богаз-Гол	Garabogazköł, Aylagy
Karaganda	town	Kazakhstan	Караганда	Qaraghandy
Karši	town	Uzbekistan	Карши	Qarbi or Qarshi
Kišiněv	town	Moldova	Кишинев	Chișinău
Kokand	town	Uzbekistan	Коканд	Quqon
Kopetdag	mountains	Turkmenistan	Копетдаг	Köpetdag
Krivoj Rog	town	Ukraine	Кривий Рог	Krivyy Rîg
Kyzylkum	desert	Kazakhstan	Қызылқұм	Qyzylqum
Kyzylkum	desert	Uzbekistan	Қызылқум	Qizilqum
Leninabad	town	Tajikistan	Ленинабад	Leninobod
Lugansk	town	Ukraine	Луганск	Lugans'k
Lvov	town	Ukraine	Львов	L'viv
Mangyšlak	peninsula	Kazakhstan	Мангышлак	Türqaraghan
Mogilev	town	Belarus	Могилев	Mariley
Molodečno	town	Belarus	Молодечно	Malađečna
Mukačevo	town	Ukraine	Мукачево	Mukacheve
Nachičevan'	town	Azerbaijan	Нахичевань	Naxçıvan
Nikolajev	town	Ukraine	Николаев	Mikolajiv
Petropavlovsk	town	Kazakhstan	Петропавловск	Petropavl
Pripjat'	river	Belarus	Припять	Pripyat'
Pripjat'	river	Ukraine	Припять	Pripyat'
Rovno	town	Ukraine	Ровно	Rivne
Samarkand	town	Uzbekistan	Самарканд	Samarqand
Semipalatinsk	town	Kazakhstan	Семипалатинск	Semej or Semey
Tašauz	town	Turkmenistan	Ташауз	Daphowuz or Dažhovuz
Taškent	town	Uzbekistan	Ташкент	Toþkent or Toshkent
Ternopol'	town	Ukraine	Тернополь	Ternopil'
Uralsk	town	Kazakhstan	Уральск	Oral

Ustjurt	plain	Kazakhstan	Устюрт	Üstirt
Ustjurt	plain	Turkmenistan	Устюрт	Üstyurt
Ustjurt	plain	Uzbekistan	Устюрт	Ustyurt
Vitebsk	town	Belarus	Витебск	Віцебск
Vladimir-Volynskij	town	Ukraine	Владимир-Волынський	Володимир-Волинський
Zitomir	town	Ukraine	Житомир	Житомир