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**In The Name of God**

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**Introduction**

The present report reviews briefly the progress made in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in connection with the geographical names , since the Seventh Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, 12-23 January, 1998.

As it has been reported in the previous sessions and in the light of passing more than two decades from the culmination of Islamic Revolution and implementation of the First and Second 5-year National Economic and Social Development Plans of the Islamic Republic of Iran, during these two decades , tremendous changes have resulted in various social, economic and political scenes of the country.

Now as the country is in the initiative stage of launching the Third Economic Plan and in tandem with the implementation and materialization of the third plan, the National Geographical Organization , in order to attain the rapid access of goals as stipulated in the plan , has taken appropriate action in revising and preparing different types of geographical maps of the country , especially 1:25000 , 1:50,000, 1:250,000 scales , using the latest technological methods of gathering , preparing and compiling of information .

In tandem with the materialization of objectives in the third plan, the programme of collecting geographical information of settlements for the preparation of national gazetteer in the administrative divisions of the country, on the base of revised maps of 1:50,000 , has been initiated in the levels of Yazd and Kerman Provinces since 1997. In this scheme, all geographical information pertaining to all settlements of the country including townships , districts , rurals, farms and places, geographical names in Farsi and Latin , local names, previous names, nomenclature, denomination and the other significant geographical information on the base of 1:50,000 map are to be collected and compiled in the framework of administrative divisions of the country.

#### **1) National Gazetteer**

In the pursuance of preparing , compiling and printing of a complete 121 volume of national gazetteer on the base of 1:250000 scale, field works of revising geographical information in the provincial levels of the country has been started since 1997 in the level of Yazd province and after completing the work , they will be available, together with thematic maps and charts, to the interested reseachers and individuals.

In the continuance of above-mentioned scheme , collecting geographical information has been started in Kerman Province since 1998 in 11 townships, 33 districts, 141 rural districts , 44 city centers and 14700 villages. In this process, we have confronted with many geographical names which were changed or newly created (Annex No.1)

## **2) Changing and creating new geographical names**

From 14700 geographical names collected for gazetteer of Kerman province , 169 villages , farms and places are changed and 657 villages, farms and places are newly created.

## **3) Toponymic Guidelines for map editors and other editors**

In accordance with the resolution adopted in the Sixth UNCSGN held 25 Aug - 3 sept. 1992, New York , and upon the request of President of the Conference, for submitting a copy of the latest edited Toponymic Guidelines, the Islamic Republic of Iran has taken necessary steps in updating toponymic Guidelines for insertion into World Cartography Publication (It will be discussed as working paper No....., in item 14 of the agenda.)

## **4) Selecting Words**

Since the Revolution, one of the most important tasks in the cultural area, at the national level has been selecting Farsi names for the alien names.

For this purpose , the Academy of Science of the country has been active in 7 specialized branches. One of these branches is concentrated on humanity science and its main task is to study geographical names and so far , with the cooperation of pertinent experts, it has selected geographical names.

## **5) Formation of Geographical Scientific / Executive Council**

In the connection of collecting, compiling and presenting geographical information, N.G.O. has taken appropriate steps in the formation of geographical

scientific / executive council aiming an organized scientific / executive framework for the working groups of collecting geographical information with the closed cooperation and presence of experts.



**6) Other activities**

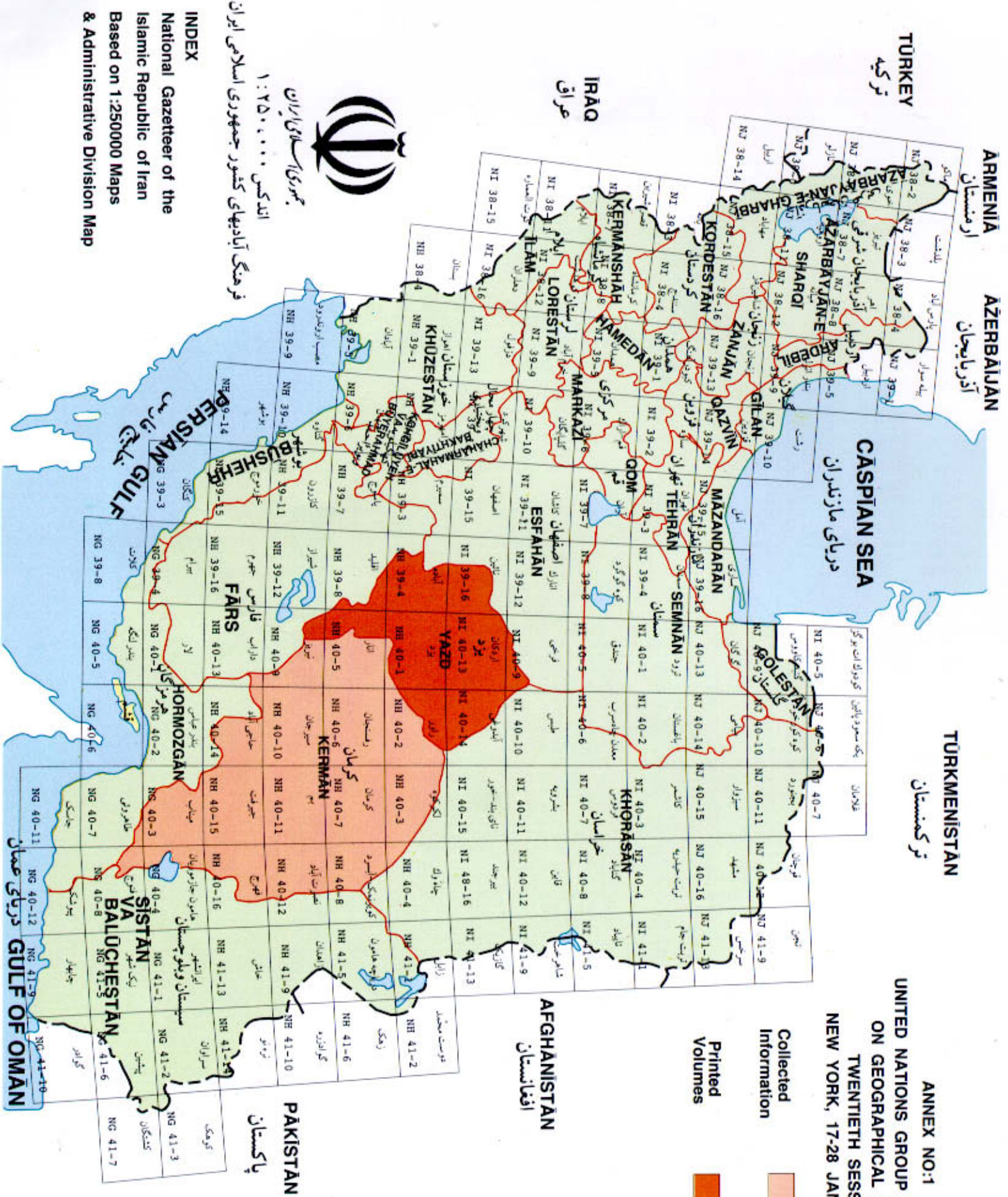
**A - Establishing and operation of GIS database.**

The efforts taken are as follows:

- 1 - Digitizing of 1:500,000 maps.
  - 2 - Digitizing of 1:250,000 maps
  - 3 - Conformity of digitized information for the above maps.
  - 4 - Digitizing of topographic maps of the provinces in Islamic Republic Of Iran.
  - 5 - Entering the information of national gazetteer (250 Items for each village) numbering 20000 villages.
  - 6 - Preparing thematic maps of the provinces of the country envisaging objectives of the Plan.
  - 7 - Carrying out research work in fulfilling the objectives asserted in the Third Plan.
- B - Revising the coverage map of 1:50.000.**
- D - Preparing 1:25000 maps.**
- C - Preparing "World Atlas".**
- E - Utilizing satellite imagery for the production of thematic maps.**
- F - Performing hydrographic operation for the production of hydrographic charts.**

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