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Country (8th Conf.)	Authority?	Yr of Auth.	Name	Contact, if no Nat. Auth.
Algeria	Y	1998	Commission Permanente Spécialisée de Toponymie	
Argentina	Y	1983	Instituto Geográfico Militar de la Republica Argentina	
		1972	Servicio de Hidrografia Naval	
Australia	Y	1985	Committee for Geographical Names of Australasia	
Austria	Y	1968	Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kartographische Ortsnamenkunde (AKO)	
Bangladesh	?			
Bhutan	N			Department of Survey & Land Records
Botswana	Y	1967	Botswana Place Names Commission	
Brunei Darussalam	Y	1976	Geographical Names Committee Brunei Darussalam	
Bulgaria	Y	1951	Council of Orthography and Transcription of Geographical Names	
Cambodia	?			
Cameroon	N			Institut National de Cartographie
Canada	Y	1897	Geographical Names Board of Canada / Commission de toponymie du Canada	
Chile	N			Instituto Geográfico Militar
China	Y	1977	Administrative Areas and Geographical Names Division, Civil Affairs Ministry / China Institute of Toponymy	
Cote d'Ivoire	N			Département de l'aménagement urbain et du développement local/BNETD
Cyprus	Y	1977	Cyprus Permanent Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names	
Czech Republic	Y	2001	Commission on Geographical Names	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	?			
Denmark	Y	1910	Stednavneudvalget/The Place-Name Commission	
Djibouti	?			
Estonia	Y	1994	Place Names Board of Estonia	
Finland	Y	1975	The Research Institute for the Languages of Finland	
France	Y	?	La Commission de Toponymie de la France	
Germany	Y	1959	Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen (StAGN)	

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Greece	N			Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service Hellenic Military Geographic Service
Guinea	N			Institut Géographique National
Hungary	Y	1989	Hungarian Committee on Geographical Names (Földrjzinév-bizottság)	
Iceland	Y	1935	Örnefnanefnd	
India	?			
Indonesia °	Y	2001	National Permanent Committee on Geographical Names	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Y	2000	Iranian Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names	
Ireland	Y	1946	The Placenames Commission	
Israel	Y	1951	Government Names Commission	
Italy	N			Istituto Geografico Militare
Jamaica	?			
Japan	N			Geographical Survey Institute
Jordan	Y	1984	National Committee on Geographical Names	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	N*			National Geographic Department
Latvia	N			State Land Service
Lebanon	Y	1962	Direction des Affaires Géographiques (DAG)	
Lesotho	N			?
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Y	2000	National Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names	
Lithuania	Y	1990	The State Commission of the Lithuanian Language	
Madagascar	Y	1973	Komitim-Pirenena Miandraikitra Ny Anaran-Tany (K.P.M.A.)	
Malaysia	Y	2002 °	National Committee for Geographical Names	
Mexico	N			Instituto Nacional de Estadística Geográfica e Informática (INEGI)
Mongolia	N			State Administration of Geodesy & Cartography
Morocco	N*	?	Commission Nationale de Normalisation des Noms Géographiques (ACFCC)	
Mozambique	N*			National Directorate of Geography and Cadastre (DINAGECA)
Myanmar	Y	?	National Geographical Names Authority	
Namibia	N*			Directorate of Survey & Mapping
Nepal	N*			Survey Department

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Netherlands	N			Topografische Dienst Nederland
New Zealand	Y	1946	New Zealand Geographic Board	
Nigeria	Y		?	
Norway	Y	1879	Norwegian Mapping Authority	
		?	Norwegian State Consultancy on Place-Names	
Oman	Y	1983	National Survey Authority	
Paraguay	?			
Peru	?			
Poland	N			Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography
Qatar	N			Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Republic of Korea	Y	1958	National Geography Institute	
Romania	?			
Russian Federation	Y	1994	Commission of Geographical Names	
Samoa*	N*			National Mapping Section Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment
Sao Tome and Principe	N*			Direcção de Serviços Geográficos e Cadastrais
Saudi Arabia	N			Saudi Geological Survey
Serbia and Montenegro	N*			Republički Geodztski Zavod Srbije
Slovenia	Y	1986	Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names	
South Africa	Y	1998	South African Geographical Names Council	
Spain	N			Instituto Geográfico Nacional
Sri Lanka ^o	N			Survey Department
Sudan	Y	1996	Geographical Names Committee	
Sweden	Y	1974	National Land Survey	
Switzerland	N*			Federal Office of Topography
Syrian Arab Republic	Y	1996	Committee for Geographical Names	
Thailand	Y	1992	National Committee on Geographical Names	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Y	2000	Commission nationale pour la normalisation des noms géographiques	
Togo ^o	N			
Tunisia	?			
Turkey	Y	?	The Ministry of Interior	
		?	General Command of Mapping	
Uganda	Y	1995	Lands & Surveys Department	
Ukraine	Y	1994	National Council on Geographical Names	
United Arab Emirates	N*			Military Survey Department
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	N			Ordnance Survey
United Republic of Tanzania	Y	?	Surveying and Mapping	
United States of America	Y	1890	U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN)	
Uzbekistan	?			

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Vanuatu	N*			Department of Land Surveys
Venezuela	Y	1989	Instituto Geográfico de Venezuela Símon Bolívar	
Viet Nam	Y	2002	General Department of Land Administration Vietnam	
Zambia	N			Zambia Survey Department
<i>Holy See</i>	<i>N*</i>			<i>Secretariat of State - 2nd Section</i>

N* = hopefully soon

° New information since the 8th UN Conference