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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
Seventh Conference**

Report of Germany

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Summary

Since the Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, which was held in New York in 1998, the Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen (StAGN) (Permanent Committee on Geographical Names) has held nine regular meetings. Work was carried out, or is in preparation, on the following items: Gazetteer Germany GN250, based on the general topographic map at 1:250,000 scale (about 47,000 entries); Gazetteer Germany GN1000, containing about 14,000 names of autonomous communes and administrative units; Concise Gazetteer Germany (about 1,600 entries); database of European geographical names; list of geographical names of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic countries (about 32,000 entries); index of German-language Antarctic place names (about 700 entries); toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors, 4th edition; orthographic reform of the German language; German glossary of toponymic terminology, 2nd edition; list of country names in the German language, 7th edition; list of selected exonyms in the German language with notation of pronunciation (about 600 entries); map of German regions at 1:1,000,000 scale, 3rd edition; map of regional names of coastal features.

On the invitation of the Government of Germany, the Economic and Social Council decided in July 1999 to hold the Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in Germany. In conjunction with the Conference, there will be a technical exhibition, technical excursions and a toponymic course for trainees from developing countries.

To prepare for the Eighth Conference, two international meetings were organized by the Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen with the support of the Dutch- and German-speaking Division: a symposium on geographical names, "GeoNames 2000", was held in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, in March 2000; and a workshop on exonyms, "GeoNames 2001", was held in Berchtesgaden, Germany, in October 2001.