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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

Country report of Mozambique

Submitted by Mozambique

The National Directorate of Geography and Cadastre (DINAGECA) has been continuing to collect and describe the geographical names based on topographic maps for the geographical dictionary of Mozambique. DINAGECA has started to establish a database with all the geographical names of Mozambique. Each record consists of the spelling, description and derivation of the official names, as well as geographic coordinates, a feature code and the map sheet containing the name. We also hope to update the National Gazetteer of Geographical Names during 2002.

National committee on geographical names

Since the Seventh Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, held in 2000, we have reached an advanced stage in establishing a geographical names authority in Mozambique. The Government has already created a working group to prepare the documents for the geographical names authority. We hope that the Government will consider these documents during 2002.

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