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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**

**National report of Qatar on the standardization of
geographical names**

Submitted by Qatar**

Summary

The State of Qatar participated in the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, which was held in New York in 1992. Guided by the resolutions of that Conference, the State of Qatar undertook a comprehensive project to collect, standardize and document the geographical place names in the country.

A committee of experts on language and folklore was established to review, correct and authenticate the names, and a field team of professional surveyors was formed to collect the field data.

The first stages of the project ended in 1997, and the result was a collection of about 3,500 names. After revision by the committee, the names were archived in the national GIS database and published on CD-ROM in a multimedia format.

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