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Summary***

In 1996, the Inter-State Council for Geodesy, Cartography, Cadastre and Remote Control of the Earth of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) established the Working Group on Geographical Names.

Since then, the Working Group has held six meetings (in 1996, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2006) to exchange information and experience in respect of handling geographical names (focusing on the current status of the legislative and normative base for geographical names standardization, the application of romanization systems, the compilation of gazetteers and dictionaries of geographical names, the development of the national databases of geographical names, etc.).

The Working Group has focused on a regular exchange of information about all changes in the geographical names in the States members of CIS. The information bulletin entitled "Changes in the geographical names in the CIS countries" and three supplements (Nos. 1 (1999), 2 (2003) and 3 (2006)) have been compiled and issued. They list more than 1,700 renamed geographical objects in

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12 countries. The accumulated experience in inter-State cooperation allows for further improvement in the documents devoted to the renaming of geographical names. The inclusion therein of the national names of the renamed objects is planned.
