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Summary***

The present report describes the organizational structure of geographical names processing in the Netherlands (a new law is now likely to provide a legal basis for the standardization work of the Topografische Dienst/Kadaster) and the progress made since 2002 in dealing with minority names and protecting geographical names as part of the cultural heritage. A highlight has been the organization of the International Conference on Minority Names/Indigenous Names and Multilingual Areas. There has been extensive support from the Netherlands in the 2002-2007 term for the organization of toponymy courses of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. Finally, the participation of the Netherlands in the EuroGeoNames project which aims at establishing a virtual Europe-wide geographical names database is mentioned.

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