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### **Structure of the Board of Experts for Geographical Names of Turkey (BEGeoN\_T) (2002-2007)**

**Submitted by Turkey\*\***

#### **Summary\*\*\***

The Board of Experts for Geographical Names of Turkey (BEGeoN\_T), which is responsible for the standardization of geographical names in Turkey, was founded in July 2004 in accordance with the directive of the Ministry of the Interior prepared in cooperation with related national institutions. The directive sets out the terms of reference for the establishment of the Board, as well as its tasks and responsibilities. The Board is a joint inter-ministerial and academic body, responsible for coordinating and accelerating the efforts directed towards the standardization of geographical names. It carries out its tasks in parallel with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

The officials on the Board represent a number of institutions, such as the General Directorate of Provincial Management of the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the Society for the Turkish Language, the Turkish Standards Institute, the Turkish Statistical Institute, the Turkish Historical Society, universities, the General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre, the General Command of Mapping, and the Department of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography of the Turkish Naval Forces.

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