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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**

**Report of Austria**

**Submitted by Austria\*\***

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## Summary

The Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying has changed the national map series on the scales 1:50,000/1:25,000 and 1:200,000 from the former Austrian land surveying system (MGI) to the UTM-system. The accession of Austria to the NATO programme "Partnership for Peace" requires the adaptation of the reference system, the projection, the scales and the sheet cut of the entire national map series to international standards. The transition to the international reference system and the new sheet cut must be done gradually and will be finalized in 2009.

The Toponymic Committee of Burgenland reported on the new regulations for the Croat and Hungarian minority names.

A new CD-ROM, entitled "Geographical names database of Austria", was issued in March 2001. It is a new edition of the "Gazetteer of Austria" (1975), which was completely revised in accordance with the recommendations of the United Nations.

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