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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries
and on the progress made in the standardization of
geographical names****Report of Italy****Summary****

With regard to the standardization of geographical names, Italy has undertaken the following activities since the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names:

- Signed special agreements of cooperation between the Italian Geographic Military Institute and the Region of Veneto aimed at expanding the Italian toponymic database (DBTopo25) to include the geographical names of the technical regional map at a scale of 1:10,000; and completed the phonetic verification phase of the database
- Celebrated World Geographical Names Day in cooperation with Italian universities and academic and public institutions
- Arranged an international scientific symposium on the theme “Toponymy and cartography between history and geography”, in cooperation with the Romano-Hellenic Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
- Organized a series of lectures and conferences on toponymic standardization principles and methods, in cooperation with Italian universities and academic and public institutions
- Initiated updating of Italian toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by Andrea Cantile. The report is available from https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/28/CRP.28.

