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**Reports: Working Group on Country Names****Updates to the Polish “Official list of names of countries and  
non-self-governing territories”****Summary\*\***

In 2011, the Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography of Poland issued a new publication containing a list of country names. The publication, entitled “Official list of names of countries and non-self-governing territories”, was prepared by the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland. That first edition was presented during the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, held in New York from 31 July to 9 August 2012 (see summary, [E/CONF.101/46/Add.1](#)).

Since the publication of the first edition, three updated editions have been published: the second in 2013, the third in 2015 and, most recently, the fourth in December 2017.

The fourth edition of the list contains 195 countries recognized by Poland and 69 non-self-governing territories. Attached to the register is a list of nine territories with undetermined or disputed international status.

The names of the countries and territories and their capitals included in the list were approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. The footnotes containing an explanation of the status of countries and territories were provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Adjectives derived from the names of countries and territories and the names of citizens and inhabitants were provided in line with the opinion provided by the Orthography and Onomastics Unit of the Council for the Polish Language.

Each entry includes the short name of the country/territory (nominative, genitive, locative) in Polish; the official full name of the country/territory in Polish;

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

\*\* The full report was prepared by Maciej Zych, Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland. The report is available from [unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st\\_session\\_UNGEGN.html](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html), in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/9/CRP.9.



the name of the official language (or languages) in Polish; the short name of the country/territory in its official language (or languages); the official full name of the country/territory in its official language (or languages); the adjectival form of the country/territory name in Polish (masculine nominative singular); the name of the inhabitants of the country/territory in Polish (masculine and feminine singular and masculine plural); the name of the capital of the country/territory in the Polish language; and the name of the capital of the country/territory in its official language (or languages).

Publication of the fifth edition of the list is scheduled for the second half of 2019. As with previous editions, it will include updates but will also be expanded to include names in non-roman scripts next to their romanized forms.

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