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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 Indonesia****Summary****

The full report of Indonesia, prepared by the Geospatial Information Agency (Badan Informasi Geospasial), contains a summary of all activities carried out by Indonesia from 2019 to the beginning of 2021.

As the national geospatial agency and the secretariat of the Asia South-East Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, the Agency has been actively involved in national standardization activities and has been working on the Division's workplan for the period 2019–2022.

The year 2020 was full of unprecedented challenges and upheaval. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic affected countries worldwide in many ways. The standardization activities of Indonesia were no exception.

To overcome that impact and ensure that all activities remain on schedule and are conducted accordingly, Indonesia has made some adjustments by conducting national activities following a hybrid model, combining online meetings with in-person meetings while observing health protocols and regulations. Indonesia has also arranged for the meeting of the Asia South-East Division to be held virtually.

In December 2020, the Agency successfully coordinated relevant ministries and local governments in national activities to standardize geographical names by publishing a comprehensive national gazetteer. The gazetteer contains the standardized geographical names of administrative regions, man-made features, islands and marine geographical features (sea surface and undersea features). To strengthen the coordination and accelerate the national standardization of geographical names, in January 2021, the President of Indonesia signed a government regulation mandating the workflow for coordinating and implementing the standardization process.

* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

** The full report was submitted by Indonesia. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/37/CRP.37, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/.

