



STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

Agenda Item Number: 6 (a)

Agenda Item Title: National and international standardization of geographical names: Names collection, office treatment, national authorities, features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation

Title of paper/report: Basis and Principles of the Standardization of Geographical Names in Finland

Statement/intervention provided by:
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Statement/intervention:

THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA recognizes the essential need to have legislation on geographical names. Legislation for the implementation on standardization of geographical names is indispensable. On 7 January 2021, the Government of Indonesia enacted Government Regulation Number 2 of 2021 on Standardization of Geographical Names. This regulation contains several details on the standardization of geographical names in Indonesia (described in GEGN.2/2021/37/CRP.37).

Referring to the paper, there are two official languages in Finland: Finnish and Swedish, with other local languages. Consequently, it creates unique geographical names as it shows the authenticity of the local names. In Indonesia, there are around 718 local languages and one national language. However, the use of local languages is allowed by considering the standardization regulations that have been specified.

THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA recognized and supported the proposal that authorities should use only standardized geographical names stored in their database in official circumstances as the official geographical names in a country are needed for various purposes.

Thank You.

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