



STATEMENT/INTERVENTION

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THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA welcomes and recognizes the efforts and initiative of Norway to encourage the implementation of standardized names even in the pandemic situation we are living in now. INDONESIA does agree that the municipalities play an essential role in all cases of geographical naming. Therefore, education for employees at the municipal level is sure needed.

Referred to the E-Learning program described in the document, it is an excellent idea as the Norwegian Place Name Act must be understood by various parties, particularly with the public sector working on geographical names at the local government (municipality) level. According to the recently enacted Government Regulation in Indonesia, local governments take a vital role in the standardization of geographical names in their regions. We developed a geographical name information system called SINAR (described in GEGN.2/2021/34/CRP.34) to support and facilitate the standardization activities to accelerate the standardization. We also continuously conducted toponymic education, including introducing the use of our primary system in standardization on geographical names, SINAR that provides access to all entities so that municipalities and citizens can contribute, collaborate and engage in geographical name data acquisition, verification, and publication.

THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA invites Norway to share its findings on developing and implementing an e-learning course on the Norwegian Place Name Act so that Indonesia can learn from it.

Thank You.

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