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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 the Republic of Moldova on the activities in the field of
standardization of geographical names from 2021 to 2022**

Summary**

The report of the Republic of Moldova will present activities in the field of standardization of geographical names in the country report, during the period from March 2021 to December 2022.

The naming and renaming of geographical objects is a living natural process that reacts to the cultural, political and social processes taking place in the country and meets the modern needs of society and the state. Given the importance of geographical names, special attention is paid to their standardization.

According to art. 3 and art. 81 of Law 778/2001 regarding geodesy, mapping and geoinformatics, the Agency for Land Relations and Cadastre is responsible for implementing the policies related to the standardization, recording and regulation of the use of geographical names. In order to develop the draft Law on Geographical Names, a Working group for its development has been established by Order of the General Director no. 10 of February 20, 2020. The group consists of representatives from different state institutions.

The draft Law on Geographical Names was developed by the Agency for Land Relations and Cadastre in collaboration with the Mapping Authority of the Kingdom of Norway - Kartverket within the project "Maps for Sustainable Development", granted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway. The Law is currently in the stage of coordination and approval.

In 2022, Agency for Land Relations and Cadastre together with Kartverket started to develop the State register of geographical names as an electronic database of standardized geographical names and is responsible for maintaining it. The database contains information about the naming and renaming of geographical objects, and changes related to their status and type, and is constantly updated. Now the State register is still in development.

In 2020-2022, Kartverket organized virtual events: trainings, seminars, workshops on geographical names. Language experts, GIS experts, representatives from different state institutions participated at the events.

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