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Item 4(a) of the provisional agenda ***Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries
and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names****Iran's measures regarding the Standardization of
Geographical Names between 2021-23****Summary ****

The Iranian Committee for Standardization of Geographic Names (ICSGN) is an inter-organizational body that pursues its goals on the one hand by formulating regulations and guidelines and on the other hand by monitoring and following up on their implementation.

In order to improve its legal position, this committee, with the approval of the government, added five bodies related to geographical names to the structure of the committee. With this change, the representatives of all organizations related to geographical names are involved in the decisions and directly raise the progress and problems of their respective bodies regarding the standardization of geographic names in the committee. In this regard, in the recent governmental rule, the mandatory of the committee's decisions regarding the standardization of geographical names for other organizations has been emphasized.

On the other hand, in order to execute the decisions taken and implement the standardization of geographic names in the country, the committee has implemented various measures directly or through its working groups. In the field of promoting standardized names, the development of Iran's national geographical names database by providing standard name service, creating a national database of country divisions and publishing it on the web, and providing standardized geographical names and their transcription in the national topographic database has been implemented. Regarding the preservation of historical geographical names as an intangible human heritage, meetings and briefings with the trustees were followed up and implemented by presenting documents and reports virtually and in person. In terms of education, the basics of standardization, including transcription instructions for the Persian language, were held for those involved in the provinces.

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