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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 Ukraine****Summary****

During the intersessional period 2021–2022, the State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre (<http://land.gov.ua>) carried out activities in the following key areas of geographical names standardization:

- Improvement of the legislative framework of activities related to geographical names
- Creation and updating of the State Register of Geographical Names
- Utilization and maintenance of geographical names
- Implementation of international cooperation on geographical names

On 20 September 2022, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine amended the Law of Ukraine “On Geographical Names” to improve activities related to the establishment, regulation, accounting, registration, utilization and maintenance of geographical names. Among other things, these amendments establish the transparency of the State Register of Geographical Names and identify the holder and administrator of the State Register of Geographical Names.

On 1 February 2021, the Law of Ukraine “On National Spatial Data Infrastructure” came into force, which served to define the legal and organizational framework for the creation, functioning and development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, in accordance with the INSPIRE Directive.

The electronic database of geographical names of Ukraine of the State Register of Geographical Names contains more than 105,000 names of settlements,

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administrative-territorial units, physical-geographical and socioeconomic objects and objects of the nature reserve fund.

The State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre ensures constant updating of the State Register of Geographical Names and their publication. Current information of the State Register of Geographical Names is published on the website of the cadastre (<https://land.gov.ua/derzhavnyi-reiestr-heohrafichnykh-nazv/>).

In 2021, user access to data on the geographical names of Ukraine was provided through the geoportal of the pilot project of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, which is still in its trial phase (www.nsd.gov.ua).

However, since 24 February 2022, owing to the armed invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, free access to the data of the State Register of Geographical Names and the geoportal of the pilot project of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure has been temporarily restricted under the period of martial law.

Ukraine has participated in the following online events:

- Second online session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (New York, 3–7 May 2021);
- 24th and 25th online meetings of the East Central and South-East Europe Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (Bratislava, 28 April and 9 November 2021);
- 21st online meeting of the Baltic Division of the Group of Experts (Tallinn, 23–24 September 2021);
- 26th meeting of the East Central and South-East Europe Division of the Group of Experts (Prague, 18 May 2022);
- 12th session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (New York, 3–5 August 2022).