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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 Cameroon

Summary**

The national report of Cameroon, prepared for the third session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, which is to be held in New York from 1 to 5 May 2023, provides information on the situation regarding place names in the country and the progress of work on their standardization since the 2021 session.

Owing to the significant internal and external constraints afflicting Cameroon (the anglophone crisis, the health crisis caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the effects of the war in Ukraine), economic activities in general, and activities relating to geographical names in particular, have been extremely limited. Nonetheless, information on two activities is provided in the report:

- An overview of activities relating to geographical names carried out by the National Institute of Cartography, the main national entity dealing with map production and the use of geographical names;
- The thesis work of the sixty-third class of student teachers of geography at the Ecole Normale Supérieure of the University of Yaoundé I, the central theme of which is “Geographical names and dynamics of spaces”.

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