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Report of Croatia on the activities in the field of standardization of geographical names in 2022

Summary**

The report of Croatia will present activities in the field of standardization of geographical names in the country in 2022. The report of Croatia for 2021 was submitted to the East Central and South-East Europe Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and published in the Group’s information bulletin. In 2022, the Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names of Croatia held nine meetings and worked, through its working groups, on four strategic documents (which it adopted) for the purpose of quality assurance of the register of geographical names. With the implementation of the new Law on Settlements, local self-government units are obliged to obtain the opinion of the Commission on the proposed name of a settlement, street or square. Activities (part of a pilot project) relating to the revision of some records in the database of the register of geographical names were completed, with a review. The drafting of a set of recommendations for the standardization of geographic names in the country, a publication on geographical names, improving the functionality of the network application of the register of geographical names, and upgrading the website of the register are under way. The Commission continues to give its expert opinion to users and the interested public on suggestions for naming or changing the names of geographical objects in the country.

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** The full report was prepared by the Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names of Croatia. It will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2023/90/CRP.90.