

## *Ukraine national report speaker notes [assuming moderator to introduce speaker]*

Thank you for the opportunity to present Ukraine's work in this direction.

The State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre as a specially authorized executive body on geographical names:

- carries out coordination of activities related to establishment, standardization, recording, registration, use and preservation of geographical names;
- ensures the creation and maintenance of the State Register of Geographical Names;
- carries out an international cooperation on the matter of establishment, standardization, preservation, recording, registration of geographical names.

The legal basis for regulation of relations and activities related to naming of the geographical objects as well as standardization, recording, registration, use and preservation of geographical names is regulated by the Law of Ukraine "On Geographical Names" (adopted in 2005), which have been amended by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in 2022.

These amendments define the powers of the Government, establish the principle of openness of the State Register of Geographical Names, determine the holder and administrator of the State Register of Geographical Names, regulate the procedure for conducting expertise of proposals and decisions of state authorities and local self-government bodies on naming and renaming geographical objects, etc.

The State Register of Geographical Names is implemented and maintained by the State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre in the form of an electronic database of standardized geographical names with the use of an automated information system, that provides permanent information updating about naming and renaming of geographical objects, physical-geographical, socio-economic objects, changing their status, type etc.

The electronic database of Ukraine geographical objects names of the State Register of Geographical Names contains more than 105,000 names of settlements, administrative-territorial units, physical-geographical and socio-economic objects, and objects of the nature reserve fund.

And now due to online tools the citizens of Ukraine can take an active part in the ongoing process of renaming the settlements and other geographical objects.

The State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre ensures that the State Register of Geographical Names is constantly updated and made public.

In 2021 the Law of Ukraine "On the National Infrastructure of Geospatial Data" entered into force, which defined the legal and organizational principles for the creation, operation and development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. Therefore, user access to data on geographical names of Ukraine was ensured through the geoportal of the pilot project of the national geospatial data infrastructure, which is in trial mode.

However, starting from February 24, 2022, because of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, free access to the information of the State Register of Geographical Names and the geoportal of the pilot project of the national geospatial data infrastructure has been temporarily restricted for the period of martial law.

Thank you for the attention!