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Exonyms (Working Group on Exonyms)**New edition of the list of Polish geographical names of
the world****Summary****

At the end of 2013, the Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography issued a new publication containing Polish exonyms. The publication, entitled “Official list of Polish geographical names of the world”, was prepared by the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland. The list was presented during the sixteenth meeting of the Working Group on Exonyms, held in Hermagor, Austria, from 5 to 7 June 2014, and a short summary (working paper No. 64/14), available on the website of the Group of Experts, was presented at the twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held in New York from 28 April to 2 May 2014.

The list includes names of 13,359 geographical features from all continents, as well as names of undersea features; however, the names of objects located entirely in the Polish territory have been excluded. The list refers only to the features for which Polish geographical names (exonyms) are recommended. That is to say, geographical features for which such a name either does not exist or is not recommended have not been included.

The list is divided into eight chapters. Seven chapters correspond to the parts of the world as traditionally delineated (Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Australia and Oceania and Antarctica). The last chapter is devoted to undersea features. Each of the first seven chapters begins with a list of recommended Polish names for the major regions and oceans of that part of the world. Names of geographical features are then listed according to alphabetically arranged countries and Non-Self-Governing Territories. The names of geographical features from the areas of individual countries or Territories are arranged into 59 categories, the inclusion of which depends on the specifics of the particular country or Territory. For

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** The full report was prepared by Maciej Zych, Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEKN/1st_session_UNGEKN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/26/CRP.26.



each feature, the Polish name (exonym) followed by the original name (endonym) are given. The features' coordinates are then provided, followed by, if necessary, additional information and observations.

The second edition of the list is scheduled to be published at the end of 2019. This will be an updated edition of the first list, without significant alterations. Changes will include modifications to the romanization systems for two languages, changes in some Polish exonyms (due, in part, to changes made to endonyms), as well as some minor corrections. The second edition will be published in Polish only, but the introductory parts of the publication are planned to be translated into English.
