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geographical names****Report of New Zealand****Summary****

The report of New Zealand is submitted in accordance with resolution V/7 of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names. It builds on the previous reports submitted by New Zealand for the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Conferences, held in 2007, 2012 and 2017. Outlined in the report are the roles, functions and strategic goals of the national naming authority, the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa. The core tasks and current projects that make up the fundamental standardization work of the Geographic Board are summarized. Challenges that help shape the Geographic Board's direction, focus and priorities are also identified.

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** The full report was prepared by Wendy Shaw, Secretary, New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/33/CRP.33.

