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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries
and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names**

Summary of the Report of Türkiye

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Türkiye currently belongs to the "Asia South-West Division (excluding Arabic)", the "East Central and South-East Division", and the "Romano-Hellenic Division".

The Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names and the 21st Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names held in Berlin, on 26 August – 6 September 2002, were attended by a delegation presided by the General Directorate of Provincial Administration of the Ministry of Interior. A National Report was prepared for this meeting and the works carried out were explained, and together with that report, a map showing the civil administrative structure of Türkiye and the names of all settlements were delivered to the UN organization officials through our permanent mission to the UN.

The 22nd Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names held in New York, on 20-29 April 2004 was attended by a delegation presided by the General Directorate of Provincial Administration of the Ministry of Interior.

At the meeting of Group of Experts, the division reports were read by the heads of divisions and the national reports were submitted in summary, and the copies of Turkish National report were also distributed to all participants as the UN document No.29.

Appreciation was shown to Türkiye as the 7th column of the "Multilingual Glossary of Geographical Features" drawn up in 6 languages was prepared and forwarded in Turkish and copies of the document were distributed to the participants in addition to the division report.

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** The full report was prepared by Türkiye. The report will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2023/105/CRP.105, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/.

“The Directive on Working Procedures and Principles of the Board of Experts on Geographical Names” which has been prepared by our Ministry with the considerations of other institutions and organizations in order to make studies on geographical names in our country entered into force with the Ministerial approval No.4431 dated 15 June 2004.

“The Board of Experts on Geographical Names” formed in accordance with Article 4 of the Directive started its activities by establishing various working sub-groups in its meetings held in our Ministry on 12 October 2004 and 6 May 2005.

Türkiye participates in these conferences and meetings with a committee established by the Board of Experts on Geographical Names.

The list of “Names and Capitals of Countries” prepared and finalized by the Working Sub-group on Names and Capitals of Countries in accordance with Article 6 of the “Instruction on Working Procedures and Principles of the Board of Experts on Geographical Names” has been put into practice with the Ministerial approval No.153 dated 9 January 2012.

It has been deemed appropriate by the Presidential Decree no. 6188 dated 7 October 2022 to name certain submarine formations in the Black Sea, the Sea of Marmara, the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea which are still unnamed and discussed by the Board of Experts on Geographical Names.