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

During the intersessional period of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, from 2021 to 2023, the competent Greek authorities continued and finalized their work on compiling the national gazetteer of geographical names of Greece.

The gazetteer constitutes a list of the geographical names (primary names) of Greece (approximately 90,000 entries), in Greek and Latin script, together with other information about each entry, including:

- (a) Code ID (category);
- (b) Secondary name (if any);
- (c) Historical name (if available);
- (d) Geographical location of entries with geographical coordinates.

The national gazetteer will be submitted and presented at 2023 session of the Group of Experts.

In Greece, the names of geographical features are collected and registered by the two national cartographic agencies, namely the Hellenic Military Geographic Service and the Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service. The two agencies coordinate their work on the proper depiction of the features and their names on maps and charts, on the development of toponymic data files and on the publication of relevant gazetteers.

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\* [GEGN.2/2023/1](#).

\*\* The full report was prepared by Alexandros Stavropoulos. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2023/78/CRP.78, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd\\_session\\_2023/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/).



The task to collect, standardize and romanize geographical names in Greek is done according to standard 743 of the Hellenic Standardization Organization (ELOT 743), which is based on standard 843 of the International Standardization Organization (ISO 843).

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