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Geographical Names****2025 session**

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**Item 5 (e) of the provisional agenda \*****Technical expertise: Country names****Updated world country names: short and formal names****Summary \*\***

Indonesia has been actively contributing to the efforts of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN), mainly through its involvement in the Working Group on Country Names. In 2019, Indonesia compiled a comprehensive list of world capital city names and revised country names, submitted during the first UNGEGN session in New York from 29 April to 3 May 2019 (see GEGN.2/2019/CRP.131). Building upon this foundational work, in 2024, Indonesia updated its exonym document to address inconsistencies in the spelling of country names, ensuring alignment with the orthographic and phonological standards of the Indonesian language and revising the country names based on the UNGEGN List of Country Names in 2021 (see [GEGN.2/2021/CRP.130/Rev.1](#)) and the Permanent Mission to the United Nations document No.311 January 2023 ([ST/PLS/SER.A/311](#)).

The primary objective of updating the exonym document is to ensure that the representation of country names worldwide adheres to linguistic accuracy and consistency. This initiative is crucial for standardizing references to country names in various official contexts, such as state correspondence, government records, and reports. Moreover, the standardized country names reference educational materials, including textbooks and news, social, and mass media.

In late 2024, the Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia (*Badan Informasi Geospasial* - BIG), in collaboration with the National Agency for Language Development and Cultivation (*Badan Pengembangan dan Pembinaan Bahasa* - BPPB), linguistic experts from the University of Indonesia's Faculty of Humanities, and the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*Kementerian Luar Negeri Republik Indonesia*) finalized the updated exonyms document. By sharing this information, Indonesia reaffirms its commitment to advancing the goals of UNGEGN and contributing to the global standardization of geographical names.

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\* \* GEGN.2/2025/1

\*\* \*\* The full report was prepared by Indonesian Agency for Language Development and Cultivation, Faculty of Humanities of University of Indonesia, and Geospatial Information Agency of Indonesia. The report will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2025/122/CRP.122, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th\\_session\\_2025/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th_session_2025/)