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

**Report of Romania 2023-2025 \*\***

Submitted by Romania

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The constant presence of Romania at the sessions of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) confirms the will of our country to implement the resolutions adopted by the previous conferences and to contribute to a better international cooperation.

Romania supports the principle promoted since the first United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (UNCSGN) held in Geneva in 1967, stating that a standardization at the international level can only be successful if based on each country's efforts to solve its internal problems concerning the geographical names in accordance with the United Nations recommendations and on encouraging common approaches by exchange of experiences.

In 2015, the Technical Commission on Geographical Names in Romania (TCGNR) was established. This consists of representatives of ten public authorities and its aim is to promote laws and regulations at national level in the field of geographical names, to coordinate activities related to the geographical names at national level, to analyze proposals regarding acceptances and changes of the geographical names as well as to represent Romania at conferences and working groups in the field of geographical names.

Since the last UNGEGN session in 2023, efforts to create and update geospatial databases corresponding to the 1:50,000 scale have been done at the National Agency for Cadaster and Land Registration and at the Defense Geospatial Information Agency. In order to populate the attributes related to geographical names, the elements from the databases with reference geographical names, standardized in accordance with the provisions of the INSPIRE directive, have been used.

Regarding the publication of data representing geographical names, the Ministry of National Defense has ensured the maintenance of the visualization and download services for this data on the INIS Geoportal of Romania - the component of the Ministry of National Defense. The National Agency for Cadaster and Land Registration has created a web application through which geographic names at regional level can be queried, viewed and downloaded.

Following the publication of Romanian Geographic Dictionary (vol. I and II) at the Romanian Academy Publishing in 2008 and 2009, according to the UNGEGN resolutions and recommendations, the Institute of Geography of Romanian Academy has initiated together with Defence Geospatial Information Agency a new updated and added edition in a format compatible with GIS applications.

In conclusion, we appreciate that progress has been made since the last session by creating a new data set, developing a web application dedicated to geographical names and continuing to maintain viewing and downloading services. Future effort is going to be concentrated on production of exonyms database as well as the database with geographical names which are part of the Romanian cultural patrimony. At the same time, some legislative initiatives are taken into account to be promoted in the following years, in accordance with the recommendations of UNGEGN, especially for the use of geographical names at the local level.

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