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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 the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Summary**

As reported at the 2023 session, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has thorough policies and practices to ensure the accuracy and currency of geographical names on official maps and documents. There being no formal national names authority, outlined in the report is the role of Ordnance Survey, the national mapping agency, with regard to toponymy.

The report provides information on developments since the 2023 session, including updates to Ordnance Survey's published policy for Welsh geographical names and the introduction of a tool for the collection of vernacular names. Also provided is information on updates made to the toponymic guidelines for map and other editors for the United Kingdom.

Geographical names for places and features outside the United Kingdom are the responsibility of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, which gathers information on names standardized by national authorities to inform the Government of the United Kingdom of appropriate names to be used on its products. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office additionally maintains a number of names data sets, and information on them, including recent updates, is also provided in the report.

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