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#### Summary\*\*

Since the 2023 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, China has actively promoted the legal reach of its management of geographical names and the standardization and integration of information technology in their management, while underscoring their cultural significance. Significant progress has been made in areas such as the naming, renaming, usage and cultural protection of place names.

The country's newly revised Regulations on the Management of Geographical Names have strengthened and standardized the management of geographical names at the institutional level. The Regulations set out in detail the implementing measures and the Measures for the Recording and Announcement of Geographical Names. They also promote the formulation or revision of national standards, such as norms for considering and approving the usage and pronunciation of characters, as well as standards for categorizing geographical names and for name signs. Additionally, they promote and provide guidance for relevant structures, such as those in civil aviation and meteorology, to introduce standards. The country's system for managing geographical names is gradually improving, providing robust legal guarantees as a basis for advancing high-quality development in geographical name management in the new era.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs of China has continuously updated and optimized the National Geographical Names Database, in terms of data and functionality. By integrating the record filing and announcement system into the platform, it has facilitated the dynamic publication of standardized information on geographical names. The database is gradually being transformed from an "annual version" system to a "daily update" model, significantly improving its management and operational efficiency, with the aim of supporting high-quality economic and social development.

\* [GEGN.2/2025/1](#).

\*\* The full report was prepared by the China Division. The report will be available at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th\\_session\\_2025/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th_session_2025/), in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2025/42/CRP.42.



The Ministry of Civil Affairs of China, in collaboration with CCTV.com, has produced a series of short videos entitled “Stories behind Chinese Geographical Names” in order to protect and pass on the legacy of the culture of place names and to highlight the brilliance of Chinese geographical names. These videos, posted on the Internet, allow viewers to experience Chinese culture through the stories behind place names. At the same time, in standardizing the management of geographical names and in preserving the cultural heritage, efforts have been made to educate the public and improve its knowledge of the culture of geographical names.

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