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Report of the Asia South-East Division

Summary**

The report outlines the ongoing efforts and the achievements of the Asia South-East Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names in 2023 and 2024 with regard to the standardization of geographical names. Attention is drawn in the report to the progress that the Division has made in implementing its work plan for 2022–2026 and the Group of Expert's strategic plan and programme of work 2021–2029. In addition, a detailed account is provided of the various activities that were carried out, including collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the collection and verification of geographical names data and the establishment of standardized guidelines for naming conventions. As highlighted in the report, members attained several milestones, demonstrating the commitment and dedication in the Asia South-East Division to ensuring consistency and accuracy in the management and standardization of geographical names.

The report also contains a discussion of the structural and operational challenges and issues facing the Division. Those challenges include resource constraints, the complexity of coordinating between Division members and the importance of maintaining effective communication among members. The effect of those challenges on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Division's efforts is determined and recommendations for how those issue can be addressed are made, with a view to ensuring continued progress and improvement in the standardization process.

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** The full report was prepared by the secretariat of the Asia South-East Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th_session_2025/, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2025/73/CRP.73.

