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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 Germany****Summary****

The full report provides a summary of the activities undertaken by Germany during the intersessional period. Activities prior to 2017 were presented at the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, held in New York in August 2017 (see [E/CONF.105/48](#)).

Among other recommendations, a recommendation for naming public thoroughfares in Germany was approved and published. The Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy contributes to the development of a regional gazetteer for Europe, based on the survey request for a gazetteer service for Europe providing authoritative names. Together with the National Digital Library, the Federal Agency has started work on the provision of geographical names data as linked data.

The Permanent Committee on Geographical Names is the body responsible for developing recommendations on the standardization of geographical names. Since the diverse personnel of the Permanent Committee currently includes representatives of Austria, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, the Permanent Committee's standardizing work covers the German-speaking area in Europe.

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu and Victoria Reeh of the Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document [GEGN.2/2019/19/CRP.19](#).

