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

### **National activities on the standardization of Iranian geographical names**

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#### **Summary\*\*\***

Starting with the First United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, the Islamic Republic of Iran, as one of the members of the Conference, has participated in all meetings on a continuing basis. Since 2000, when the Iranian Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names was established, some activities have also been carried out with a view to coordinating tasks in relation to geographical names. The most significant are:

- (a) Approving the transcription system for Iranian geographical names and submitting the handbook of instructions to other organizations;
- (b) Establishing the website and database of Iranian geographical names;
- (c) Providing a handbook of countries' exonyms and submitting it to organizations;
- (d) Translating the handbook of geographical names terminologies;
- (e) Establishing a historical names working group and creating programmes in order to gather the history of names from existing sources;

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(f) Carrying out some activities on standardization of marine and submarine features by establishing a related working group;

(g) Holding regional meetings on the standardization of geographical names (Asia South-West Division (other than Arabic));

(h) Holding training courses.

Activities such as publishing gazetteers, establishing a reference database for geographical names, and compiling and publishing books in relation to geographical names are among the activities carried out by other organizations concerned with geographical names.

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