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**Reports on the work of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, its divisions, working groups and task teams since the Ninth Conference**

### **Report on the activities of the Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia Division from 2007 to 2012**

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

In the period from 2007 to 2012, the Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (hereinafter referred to as the Division), formed in pursuance of the resolution adopted at the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, included experts from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Ukraine. Experts from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland participated in the activities of the Division as observers. In 2011, Georgia announced its intention to join the Division.

The report describes the regional meetings of the Division held in Sofia and Belogradchik, Bulgaria, where an exchange of information took place on activities in the national and international standardization of geographical names, on the development of national databases of geographical names and on the development and use of national romanization systems. The report notes the substantial progress in the national standardization of geographical names achieved in the member countries of the Division.

The report also mentions the successful cooperation between the Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia Division and the Baltic Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names and the Working Group on Geographical Names of the Commonwealth of Independent States Member States Council on Geodesy, Cartography, Cadastre and Earth Remote Sensing.

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\*\* The full report was prepared by the Chair of the Eastern Europe, Northern and Central Asia Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, V. M. Boginsky (Russian Federation), and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.

