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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their
countries and on the progress made in the
standardization of geographical names**

Report of the Russian Federation

Summary**

The report provides an overview of the main trends and developments in State policy relating to the naming of geographical objects, including the current status of the legislative, normative and methodological framework for identifying, standardizing, using, registering and recording geographical names as integral elements of the historical and cultural heritage of the peoples of the Russian Federation.

The report also provides an update on the development of the national database of geographical names – the State Catalogue of Geographical Names – and the main activities in the field of naming geographical objects held in celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War, including the national competition entitled “Great Names of Russia”, organized jointly by the Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography of the Russian Federation and the State Property Committee of the Republic of Belarus.

The report includes information on the use in international projects of the GOST-83 Romanization system approved by the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.

The report covers events relating to geographical names, including international events, in which experts from the Russian Federation took part in the period 2019–2020.

* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by the Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/96/CRP.96, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/.

