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**Country Names**

#### List of Country Names and Capitals

Submitted by Cyprus \*\*

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## List of Country Names and Capitals

The List of Country Names and Capitals was prepared by the Cyprus Permanent Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names of the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus, according to the recommendations of the United Nations on the Standardization of Geographical Names. We expect that it will help geographical and map publications (atlases, books of geography, maps etc), the use by public information media etc.

The List of Country Names and Capitals aims to show how these names are standardized in the Greek Language, and includes the names of the Member States of the United Nations and their Capitals:

- (i) in Greek
- (ii) in Roman characters and
- (iii) in English

The English name of each country is given, for the purpose of identification of the Greek and the foreign name.

For each country the following entries are included:

- Serial Number
- ISO 3166 code
- Short name (usual name), in alphabetical order, based on the Greek alphabet
- Full name (complete formal name)
- Capital name

The gender of the Greek names is stated with the article in parenthesis: (ο) masculine, (η) feminine, and (το) neuter. Plural: (οι) masculine and feminine, and (τα) neuter.

The system used for transcription and transliteration of Greek names is the approved by the UN conversion system ELOT/743 and adopted as the international system for the Romanization of geographical names in the Greek alphabet.\*\*

**Response by Mr. Prodromos Vasiliou, Head of Delegation of Cyprus to the 10<sup>th</sup> UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names to the Turkish Delegation**

August 6 2012, New York

Thank you Mr. Chairman

Please allow me to express our regret for the content, as well as the nature of the intervention by the distinguished delegate of Turkey. As you may remember from time to time Turkey intervenes to submit political views, instead of constructing ones for the success of the aims and functions of the UN Conferences and UNGEGN for the Standardization of Geographical Names.

Regrettably the Turkish delegation has opted to politicize the discussion in the framework of this conference in its effort to undermine the status of the internationally recognized Republic of Cyprus, a member of the United Nations and a member of the European Union. Any reservation on the part of Turkey regarding the international personality of the Republic of Cyprus has no legal effect whatsoever and does not in any way affect its status. Additionally, I may remind the distinguished delegation of Turkey that the Republic of Cyprus is presiding the European Union Council since the 1st of July to 31st December 2012, while Turkey tries to become yet a member.

Cyprus from time to time expressed its views on the illegal nature of the so-called "TRNC". Pertinent United Nations Security Council Resolutions 541/83 and 550/84 have declared the so-called 'TRNC' as legally invalid and have called upon all states not to recognize the purported state of 'TRNC' set up by secessionist acts and not to facilitate or in any way assist the foresaid secessionist entity.

Mr chairman,

It is evident from the intervention that Turkey has not ceased her partitionist policies in Cyprus, but on the contrary, has intensified her efforts seeking primarily the upgrading and ultimate recognition of the secessionist entity.

Nevertheless Turkey, did not comply neither to the above resolutions nor to the UN Resolutions regarding the standardization of geographical names, in attempting by its occupying forces to change the geographical names in the area under its military control, having arbitrarily and illegally done so in over 35,000 cases in blatant contravention, once more, of the UN resolutions i/4, iii/16, vi/9 and other, violating as well the cultural heritage of the country.

Consequently, the Republic of Cyprus, is consistently recognized as such and its naming and standing is quite legal and correct.

Thank you Mr Chairman

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The Cyprus Permanent Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names in compliance always with the repeated resolutions and recommendations of the United Nations on the standardization of geographical names, proceeds to work constructively on this issue and participates to the relevant Conferences, Sessions and Division meetings to which Cyprus is a member.

Cyprus gives a great meaning and importance on the implementation of the resolutions of the UN Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names and to the protection of the Geographical Names, as part of the cultural heritage of every country, as repeatedly stated, and as such must be protected against any premeditated or violent changes.

The Cyprus Permanent Committee for the standardization of Geographical Names, has already published the following:

- i) The "Concise Gazetteer of Cyprus" (about 2000 entries)
- ii) The "A Complete Gazetteer of Cyprus" (about 67.000 entries)
- iii) "Οδηγός Τυποποίησης Ονομάτων" A Booklet / Guide for the standardization of geographical names. (It is in the Greek language and it is suitable specially for local use and needs)
- iv) The "UNGEGN Promotional Brochure" translated into the Greek language.
- v) The "Toponymic Guidelines for map and other editors is still in draft form. It was revised and it is anticipated to be published next year, although it has been scheduled to be published in this year.
- vi) The "List of Country Names and Capitals", which I am going to present in brief, has been compiled and published originally in draft form in 2002 and distributed during the 8<sup>th</sup> UN conference in Berlin. This has been recompiled, revised and published this year 2012.

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I am at your disposal at any time during the Conference for any further explanations.