
Subject: Re: Why doesn't IDL know the borders of Kazakhstan?

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On Fri, 4 Dec 2009, Ed Hyer wrote:

> Not wishing to cause an international diplomatic incident, does anyone
> have a substitute for the MAP_CONTINENTS,/COUNTRIES procedure? The
> country boundaries that IDL draws have significant gaps in Central
> Asia, that really damage the aesthetic appeal of the maps.
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> --Edward H.
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I think IDL uses the CIA world data bank, which was created in the 80s.

It is highly outdated, for example Hungary has five neighbors in this
data: Austria, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet-union, Romania and Yugoslavia.
Three of them do not exist today. (The current list is: Austria, Slovakia,
Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia.)

regards,
Lajos
