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Dear Colleagues,

**Participation of the Private Sector in
Second Session of the UN Committee of Experts on
Global Geospatial Information Management
13-15 August 2012**

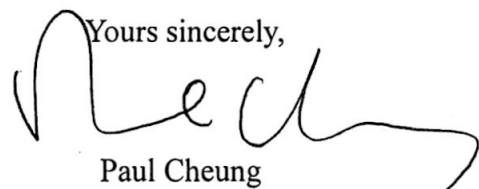
I am writing to inform you that the Second Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM) will be held in New York from 13-15 August 2012.

As you may recall, the inaugural session of the Committee was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 26 October 2011 after it was established by ECOSOC in the same year. Based on the guidance provided by the Member States, a number of substantive activities have already taken place and will be reported back and deliberated at this second session. Important topics for the second session include the implications of the Rio+20 summit, strategic considerations of future trends in geospatial information management (the five to ten year vision), the drafting of a statement of ethics for the global geospatial information community, and the establishment of a global map for sustainable development. The full provisional agenda, the substantive reports, as well as other information on the second session, have been posted on the Committee website at http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html.

The GGIM process welcomes the participation of the private sector which is a key player in the production and management of global geospatial information. If your organization wishes to attend this session as observer, we would appreciate it if you could inform the UN-GGIM Secretariat in writing (Ms. Ha Fung Ng, Tel: 1-917-367-8548; Fax: 1-212-963-9851; Email: ngh@un.org and Ms. Vilma Frani, Tel: 1-917-367-2903; Email: frani@un.org). The accreditation will initially be screened by the Bureau and subsequently endorsed at the opening of the second session. If you have any further questions or need any assistance regarding the forthcoming session of the Committee on GGIM, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I look forward to seeing you at the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,



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