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The United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management Adopts Resolution on Strengthening the Global Geodetic Reference Frame

On Friday 8 August 2014, at the last meeting of its fourth session, the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information adopted decision 4/101, recommending that the amended draft Resolution on a *Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development*, be referred to the Economic and Social Council for endorsement and further referral to the United Nations General Assembly. The decision also noted the commitment of Member States to provide support in this process.



Clause 3 in the resolution “*Urges Member States to implement open sharing of geodetic data, standards and conventions to contribute to the global reference frame and regional densifications through relevant national mechanisms and intergovernmental cooperation, and in coordination with the International Association of Geodesy*”.

A more sustainable global geodetic reference frame will ensure that more consistent locational positioning will be available across the globe. This is especially important as precise positioning is being applied in virtually every aspect of people’s lives, from civil engineering and transportation, climate change and sea level monitoring, to sustainable development and emergency management.

For additional information and the draft resolution refer to http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html