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STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM ON ITEM 13(K) CARTOGRAPHY

The United Kingdom would like to take this opportunity to comment on the draft proposal under item 13(k) Cartography, regarding the establishment of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM)

The United Kingdom does not take lightly the creation of new bodies within the UN system. However, we believe that this new Committee of Experts will play an important role in the coordination of activities in the field of Geospatial Information and in the sharing of best practices among member states and between key stakeholders.

We are also heartened by the constructive atmosphere during informal consultations on this resolution over the last few months in New York. We are particularly pleased that member states reached consensus on the fact that the new Committee will be "established, administered and organized within existing resources".

The United Kingdom looks forward to engaging constructively in the work of the Committee at its first meeting this October in Korea.

Thank you