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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with resolution 2011/24 of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), specifically the terms of reference contained in the annex of this resolution, the Committee of Experts on GGIM, at the commencement of each session, shall elect, from among its members, two co-chairs, respecting geographical balance and representation. Furthermore, since it is customary for ECOSOC subsidiary bodies to elect a Rapporteur, the Committee shall elect a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The items on the provisional agenda and the corresponding documentation as well as the organization of work were proposed by the Secretariat for this inaugural session of the Committee. The Committee will receive an oral report by the Secretariat on the status of the documentation. The Committee may wish to adopt the agenda and the organization of work for its first session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/C.20/2011/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/C.20/2011/L.1)

3. Adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Committee

The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat transmitting the terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management as contained in the the annex of the ECOSOC resolution 2011/24. The Committee is invited to adopt the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Documentation

Terms of Reference of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (E/C.20/2011/2)

4. Rules of procedure of the Committee

In order to function effectively as a subsidiary body of ECOSOC, the Committee needs to adopt its rules of procedure. The Committee will have before it a note of the Secretariat containing a proposal for a set of rules of procedures to guide the work of the Committee. This proposal has been derived from the rules of procedures of similar ECOSOC subsidiary bodies, based on current ECOSOC rules and procedures. The Committee is requested to review the proposed rules of procedures, amend them if necessary and adopt them as a basis for the work of its first session. The Committee may also provide guidance on the relevance and effectiveness of these proposed rules of procedure, in view of possible amendments to be discussed for future sessions of the Committee.

Documentation

Proposed rules of procedure (E/C.20/2011/3)

5. Contribution of the Committee to Rio+20 –United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Committee will have before it a report on the Committee's possible contribution to the Rio+20 Conference, to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012. Emerging issues such as climate change, disaster management, environmental monitoring, natural resources protection and population displacements are all inherently space-related issues and global in nature. It is therefore opportune, that the Committee highlight recent developments in geospatial information management and, thus, help countries with tools and methodologies for the monitoring of goals and targets on sustainable development. The Committee is invited to express its views and to agree to the formation of a working group to further develop the Committee's contribution to Rio+20.

Documentation

Report by the Secretary General on the Contribution of the Committee to Rio+20 (E/C.20/2011/4)

6. Inventory of the issues to be addressed by the Committee in future sessions

The Committee will have before it a note proposing to establish an inventory of the issues to be addressed by the Committee in future sessions. This inventory is meant to serve as a useful orientation tool to inform the scope and possible timing of the future work of the Committee. The Committee is requested to express its views and provide inputs for the inventory. Furthermore, the Committee is invited to agree to the formation of a working group to elaborate a more detailed proposals for the Committee's consideration at its second session.

Documentation

Note by Secretariat on an inventory of the issues to be addressed by the Committee in future sessions (E/C.20/2011/5)

7. Review of the High Level Forum on GGIM

The Committee will receive for its information an oral report, summarizing the main findings and recommendations of the High Level Forum on GGIM. The Committee may wish to take note of the report.

8. Consultation on United Nations Maps

The Committee will have before it, for information, a report by the Secretary General on the United Nations Maps project, under the leadership of the Cartographic Section of the Department for Field Support. The Committee may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation

Report by Secretary General on the United Nations Maps project (E/C.20/2011/6)

9. Provisional agenda and dates for the second session of the Committee

The Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its second session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each item. The Committee will also have before it a proposal for the dates of the second session. The Committee is invited to discuss and adopt its provisional agenda and entrust the Bureau with its finalization.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the second session of the Committee (E/C.20/2011/L.2)

10. Report of the Committee on its first session

The Committee will receive an oral summary on the key decisions taken during the first session to be reflected in the report on its first session. The Committee is invited to entrust the Rapporteur with the finalization of its report on its first session, which will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council.