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Decision 41/110

Global geographic information management (*)

The Statistical Commission:

- (a) Expressed appreciation to the National Statistical and Geographical Institute of Brazil for having prepared a report on global geographic information management and for having brought that important topic to the attention of the Commission;
- (b) Recognized the importance of the integration of geographic and statistical information and the opportunities provided in that context by the swift development of information technology, noting that national statistical offices are playing an increasing role in such integration, especially in the area of census management;
- (c) Called upon all national statistical offices to actively participate, in partnership with relevant national authorities, in the further development of national geographic information capacity in the context of spatial data infrastructures, taking full advantage of information technology and focusing special attention on the area of improving statistical and geographic metadata compatibility;
- (d) Requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report outlining a global vision for geographic information management to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council, reviewing the existing mechanisms and exploring the possibility of creating a global forum;
- (e) Requested the Statistics Division to convene a meeting of an international expert group, consisting of statisticians and geographical information specialists, to address global geographic information management issues;
- (f) Requested the Secretariat to report back to the Commission on the work of the expert group and the preparations for a possible global forum.

(*) Cf. Report E/2010/24

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