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Dear Prof. Paul Becker

I am very pleased to hear that Germany is proposing to establish a United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) at the United Nations Campus in Bonn. We appreciate your tremendous effort and contribution to enhance and sustain the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF).

As the government authority for geospatial information, the **Instituto Geográfico Nacional de la República Argentina** (IGN), participates in international geodetic observations and contributes to the realization of and access to the GGRF over more than 90 years. Moreover, since the establishment of the Argentinean-German Geodetic Observatory (AGGO) in Argentina we have been working together with the BKG in order to support the geodetic observations performed at the observatory.

As a member of the Subcommittee of Geodesy, IGN recognizes the urgent need for an additional mechanism towards sustaining the GGRF and strongly supports your idea to submit a proposal to the coming tenth session of UN-GGIM for establishing a GGCE in Germany.

We would be grateful if this letter could be of help for you to proceed to submit the proposal for the establishment of the first GGCE in Bonn to the UN-GGIM tenth session.

Best regards,

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