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### Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa)	
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<p>1. On the side-line of the Fifth meeting of the Regional Committee, UN-GGIM: Africa and the Secretariat have organised a regional workshop on the development and implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF).</p> <p>The workshop was highly participatory, offering peer-to-peer exchanges and learning opportunities, affording delegates from Member States to understand and consider the IGIF as a basis, a reference, and a mechanism for articulating and demonstrating national leadership in integrated geospatial information management.</p>	
<p>2. The Africa Region takes note of the report and expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat for the tremendous effort in developing the IGIF. The Region believes that the successful implementation of IGIF will help African countries in bridging the geospatial and digital divide. Therefore, Africa has endorsed and is fully supportive of the overall IGIF process, as a methodological framework along with its related implementation guide.</p>	
<p>3. Notwithstanding, the region has some reservation on a newly established high-level group of experts to steer the IGIF process. Pending more clarifications on the composition and terms of reference of such a body, the Region believes that this can be done through an internal arrangement under the purview of the Regional Committees of UN-GGIM (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe).</p>	
<p>4. Further noting the close linkage between IGIF and NSDI, the Region calls upon the Secretariat to collaborate with UN-GGIM: Africa to undertake a prior assessment of the current status of NSDI that will enable its member countries to know where they are and what are some of the challenges, the areas they must focus on in priority, and how they can best embark in the new IGIF framework.</p>	
<p>5. The Africa Region also calls upon interested parties to join hands with UN-GGIM: Africa, the ECA with assistance from the UN-GGIM Secretariat to develop a comprehensive programme for the modernization of geospatial activities in Africa, as a vehicle for enhancing African nations capabilities in managing their geospatial resources and in the integration of geospatial and statistical information infrastructures.</p>	
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