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Report of the Committee of Experts on its tenth session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Work of the session

1. Pursuant to Council resolution [2020/4](#), and taking into account the prevailing conditions relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic affecting the working arrangements and the available technological and procedural solutions in the interim period, the Committee of Experts did not hold formal meetings of its tenth session. The Committee held three informal meetings online on 26 and 27 August and 4 September 2020 pursuant to Council decision 2021/204.

2. The Committee conducted its business during the tenth session through correspondence and informal consultations and considered proposals through a silence procedure pursuant to Council decisions 2020/205, 2020/206 and 2021/203.

B. Election of officers

3. The Committee of Experts elected the following officers by acclamation through a silence procedure pursuant to Council decisions 2020/205, 2020/206 and 2021/203.

Co-Chairs:

Fernand Guy Isseri (Cameroon)
Ingrid Vanden Berghe (Belgium)
Rosamond Bing (Tonga)

Rapporteur:

Macarena Pérez (Chile)



C. Agenda and organization of work

4. The Committee of Experts adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document [E/C.20/2020/20](#), through a silence procedure pursuant to Council decisions 2020/205, 2020/206 and 2021/203. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Strengthening of geospatial information management.
4. Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda.
5. Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.
6. Global geodetic reference frame.
7. Geospatial information for sustainable development.
8. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information.
9. Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management.
10. Geospatial information and services for disasters.
11. Marine geospatial information.
12. Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data.
13. Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community.
14. Collaboration with the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.
15. Programme management report.
16. Provisional agenda and dates for the eleventh session of the Committee of Experts.
17. Report of the Committee of Experts on its tenth session.

5. The Committee also approved the organization of the work for the session, as contained in conference room paper [E/C.20/2020/CRP.3](#), through a silence procedure pursuant to Council decisions 2020/205, 2020/206 and 2021/203.

6. The Committee also adopted a decision through a silence procedure pursuant to Council decisions 2020/205, 2020/206 and 2021/203, in which it invited the following non-governmental organizations and other entities, which do not have consultative status with the Council, to participate in the work of the session as observers: Aalborg University; Aligarh Muslim University; American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing; Asia Air Survey Co., Ltd.; Austrian Academy of Sciences; Bentley Systems; Booz Allen Hamilton; Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency; Carleton University; Centre for Spatial Law and Policy; Columbia University; ConsultingWhere; DataWorld; Esri; EuroGeographics; European Association of Remote Sensing Companies; FrontierSI; Geospatial Frameworks; Geospatial Initiatives Ltd.; Geospatial Media; GeoTechVision; GeoThings; Global Innovations Holdings Inc.; Group on Earth Observations secretariat; Health GeoLab Collaborative; Hexagon; IIC Technologies Limited; Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society; Institute of

Geography of Kazakhstan; International Association of Geodesy; International Cartographic Association; International Society for Digital Earth; International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics; Johns Hopkins University; Katholieke Universiteit Leuven; Khalifa University; Kyrgyz State University of Construction, Transport and Architecture; Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd.; Land Equity International; Location International Ltd.; Lynker Technologies; MapAction; Maxar; National Technical University of Athens; National Autonomous University of Mexico; NOVA Information Management School; Obafemi Awolowo University; OceanWise; Open Geospatial Consortium; Oracle; Pan American Institute of Geography and History; PASCO Corporation; Politecnico di Milano; Princeton Theological Seminary; Remote Sensing Solutions Inc.; Southwest Jiaotong University; Sparx Systems; Spatial Vision; Sustainable Development Solutions Network; Taylor & Francis Group; Ter Haar Geoinnovation Limited; Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; Trimble; University of California, Berkeley; University of Cape Town; University of Los Andes; University of Melbourne; University of New Brunswick; University of Novi Sad; University of the Republic; University of the West Indies; University of Twente; Vienna University of Technology; Vital Wave; World Geospatial Industry Council; and Wuhan University.

D. Documentation

7. The documents before the Committee of Experts at its tenth session are available on the Committee's website (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html).
