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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/10th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the progress made by the Expert Group in its efforts to implement the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and its broader efforts to strengthen the integration of statistical and geospatial information in support of the 2020 round of population and housing censuses and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Summary of the report

At its ninth session, held in New York from 7 to 9 August 2019, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 9/106, in which it adopted the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework, which enables a range of data to be integrated from both the geospatial and statistical communities and which, through the application of its five principles and supporting key elements, permits the production of harmonized, standardized and integrated geospatially enabled statistical data to facilitate data-driven decision-making. The decision was subsequently endorsed by the Statistical Commission at its fifty-first session, held in New York from 3 to 6 March 2020, in its decision 51/123. The Committee noted the proposal of the Expert Group to continue its work to develop guidance on and support the promotion, awareness-raising and implementation of the Framework and its work on statistical geospatial integration and coordination, in particular with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2020 round of population censuses, and encouraged Member States and other stakeholders to participate in, and contribute to, these important elements.

* [E/C.20/2020/20](http://www.un.org/Depts/under20/).



In the report, the Expert Group provides information on its recent activities, including the main outcomes of its 6th meeting held in Manchester, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in October 2019, and details of its efforts to develop guidance and support the promotion, awareness-raising and implementation of the Framework, through the formation of task teams. It also addresses overall progress in operationalizing the Framework to support the 2020 round of population censuses and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
