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The United Kingdom notes and welcomes the progress undertaken by the UNGEGN Bureau to develop a Strategic Plan and Programme of Work which aligns to the priorities of Member States as well as the broader United Nations agendas.

We are pleased to see that the intersessional activities have led to a greater increase in the number of geospatial experts engaging with the work of UNGEGN. The proposed liaison group between UNGEGN and UN-GGIM is as sensible approach to act as a guiding mechanism to manage the flow of information between the two groups and to continue to identify areas of joint working. We welcome and support the proposal to convene a joint Bureau meeting in early 2021.

The CARIGEO Initiative is an important activity which develops and builds on existing regional efforts. Acknowledging that CARIGEO is in its initial stages the United Kingdom is pleased to be able to accept the recent invitation by UN-GGIM: Americas to join the Initiative, the UK Hydrographic Office will lead our representation.

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