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### Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

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The United Kingdom thanks the Subcommittee on Geodesy for the progress that has been made since the Ninth Session of the Committee of Experts, this is reflected in the comprehensive review of activities and progress updates from its working groups.

We would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the United Kingdom's participation in the Subcommittee on Geodesy and would encourage other Member States to recognise the important role of a sustainable Global Geodetic Reference Frame and to participate in relevant working groups.

The draft Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame reflects the complex issues facing the global geodetic community, and we look forward to taking part in the broad global consultation when it is launched. It is also reassuring to note that the five focus areas in the Position Paper are mirrored and linked to the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework; this approach will allow both activities to develop together.

Finally the United Kingdom welcomes and supports the offer made by the Federal Republic of Germany to host a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence in Bonn, Germany. Following on from our review of the Concept Paper on Establishing a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence, the UK is looking at how best it could support the Centre, and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with the UN-GGIM Secretariat at an appropriate time.

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