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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

Statement provided by:

GERMANY

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GERMANY welcomes and recognizes the efforts undertaken by the Committee of Experts under the leadership of the UN Secretariat on the activities and progress of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF).

GERMANY supports the statement of the Regional Committee UN-GGIM: Europe, recognizing the importance of high-level political awareness and support for the IGIF; and considering the 'Implementation Guide – Part 2' as a living document and as such agree to endorse it, whilst maintaining the means of further enhancing the guide.

GERMANY supports the establishment of a dedicated high-level group of experts on integrated geospatial information management to oversee and mobilize needed resources for the IGIF implementation and offers, through its Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG), its participation in the high-level group.

GERMANY is eagerly willing to assist on the way forward to provide guidance on the IGIF implementation and offers to support Member States to bridge the geospatial digital divide. In this regard, GERMANY and ITALY through its geospatial agencies, will share their expertise to interested partner organisations in the Member States responsible for the IGIF implementation. Both agencies plan to assist in national developments in order to develop national geospatial strategies and an effective use of geospatial information.

GERMANY envisages the analysis and assessment of the IGIF on a national level within the continuous evaluation of the German National Spatial Data Strategy. The achievements and the value of geospatial data integration shall be shared on different administrative levels and, finally a national 'Country Level Action Plan' will be developed.

Thank you.

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