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GERMANY appreciates the report provided by the Expert Group and acknowledges the customized Terms of Reference and Work Plan.

GERMANY welcomes the focus of the expert group to develop awareness-raising, promotion, and implementation materials as key guidance for countries to support their work towards the operationalization and implementation of the Global Statistical and geospatial Framework (GSGF).

GERMANY acknowledges/emphasizes the importance of the integration of statistical and geospatial information - as described in the GSGF- not least in order to serve the massive dynamic data needs requested by the novel Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

GERMANY encourages the Member States to increase the contribution to the work of the Expert Group, particularly from the geospatial agencies, in order to support and achieve a well-balanced and cross-sectoral cooperation.

The German Federal Statistical Office (Destatis) together with the Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG) jointly analyse and evaluate the national situation by deploying the requirements and recommendations of the GSGF and the GSGF: Europe developed by Eurostat. GERMANY will provide the results as a national example to the Expert Group and Member States.

Thank you.

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