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<i>Statement provided by:</i> United Kingdom	
<i>Statement:</i> Thank you Chair and good wishes to all of the delegates participating in this year's 10 th Committee of Experts meeting. I would like to start these brief remarks by thanking the UN-GGIM Secretariat, Extended Bureau, and the wider UN Statistics Division for enabling us to meet virtually in this manner to continue the essential work of the Committee of Experts. Congratulations are extended to all those who have contributed to the logistics for this important meeting. We now know only too well the impact that the current global health pandemic has had on the hosting of international events and meetings. The Sixth High Level Forum of UN-GGIM was due to be hosted in the United Kingdom earlier this year. To make sure the Forum was able to go ahead, we worked closely with the Secretariat and Conference Advisory Committee and changed the format to a virtual gathering of the global geospatial community. Whilst we were very disappointed not to welcome geospatial friends, colleagues and other distinguished delegates to London, we were delighted with the success of the event. Around 900 unique delegates attended the event from 100 countries – clearly more than would have been able to attend the event in person. The conference content was recorded and can be viewed through the links on the UN-GGIM website. We would like to place on record our appreciation of those who participated in this important event. Finally, the United Kingdom is pleased to present the Third Edition of the Future Trends in Geospatial Information Management Report for adoption by the Committee of Experts. The final report is available to download from the UN-GGIM website. As lead authors of the report the United Kingdom appreciates your significant input during the last 18 months. In total, 124 UN Member States, observer organisations and relevant expert global stakeholders have contributed to this edition – we thank you all. The diversity of contributions has enabled the report to reflect a wide set of trends and we hope you find the content engaging and relevant to your work.	
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