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Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

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<p>Dear colleagues,</p> <p>Possibly, discussing the establishment of the Global Geodetic Center of Excellence, we are dealing with a major event in the history of global geodesy over the past 150 years, since the establishment of the International Association of Geodesy.</p> <p>This center, which is discussed in a public manner, has to become an appropriate governance structure in order to effectively implement the road map for the global geodetic reference frame, particularly with respect to its being owned and driven by Member States.</p> <p>The unanimous support of its establishment by many Member States indicates that there are a need for such a Center and great expectations for its work.</p> <p>Such expectations simultaneously place on the Centre the serious responsibility for the results of its work. Therefore, it is important to ensure that the Centre will be equally open to the requests and needs of all Member States, and that all aspects of the GGRF will be being considered within the Centre's work programme.</p> <p>Finally, as a co-chair of the Subcommittee on geodesy, I have a dream that one day, due to the work that we are all now part of, the global geodesy won't be considered as esoteric and will become more understandable to the decision-makers in Member States. With such understanding it will be possible to ensure the long-term sustainability of the GGRF for the benefit of all Member States.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>	
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