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Statement:

The United States appreciates the progress made by the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information and recognizes the contribution that its membership is making to the global geospatial community. This is evident through the completion and presentation of the Working Group's use case paper which highlights a number of challenges, benefits, and success stories from around the globe. The United States recommends that the Working Group reference the use case as it embarks on the process of writing an Integrated Geospatial Information Framework companion document for the marine domain, an initiative that the United States supports.

The United States also strongly suggests that the Working Group continue to engage and support both the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) Seabed 2030 Project. We are pleased with the strong relationship that the Group has with the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and suggest that the Group continue to expand membership to include landlocked and small island states.

We also encourage the Working Group to continue to take advantage of partnerships in order to progress its work plan. The United States notes the Group's engagement with the IHO's capacity development initiative and Data Center for Digital Bathymetry. The United States supports the Group's plan to engage the proposed IHO Innovation and Technology Laboratory and highly recommends that it work with the Laboratory to advance the initiatives outlined in its work plan.

The United States is pleased with the Working Group's progress over the past year and supports its continued work moving forward.

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