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<i>Statement provided by:</i> UN-GGIM:Americas	
<i>Statement:</i> UN-GGIM: Americas takes note of the report and congratulates the Group of Experts on the collaborative work in developing the strategic plan and program of work aligned with the larger policy framework of the United Nations. UN-GGIM: Americas through CARIGEO seeks to bridge the geospatial divide ensuring that Caribbean Member States fully realize the benefits of strengthening geospatial information, including geographical names, to achieve sustainable national and regional development. As a culturally rich and diverse region, Member States have the opportunity to record and standardize geographical names preserving the Caribbean’s significant historical and cultural contribution to the Americas and by extension the world. In addition, standardized geographical names will assist national mapping and statistical organizations in their present work including reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals and the Population and Housing Censuses. UNGGIM: Americas and CARIGEO look forward to the opportunity to work in partnership with the Group of Experts and other interested stakeholders to create national geographical names authorities and define standardization procedures for the Caribbean Member States with the hope that learned outcomes can serve as good practice for other Small Island Developing States globally.	
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