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**Strengthening of geospatial information management
(for discussion and decision)**

Statement provided by:

Government of India

Statement:

Dear Chairman,

India appreciates the efforts of the Secretariat and the Expanded Bureau of the Committee in continuing to take practical and strategic actions to strengthen geospatial information management and pertinent interlinkages for the member states, which will augment building global geospatial capacity and capability. India would like to both contribute as well as participate in various groups and sub-groups to strengthen this process.

While appreciating the well formulated and comprehensive draft document on ‘Future trends in geospatial Information management: the Five to Ten Years Vision’, India has put forward few suggestions for further improving the document viz. promoting trans-disciplinary research in geospatial information management for creating societal impact; capacity building in geoliteracy for encouraging Public Participation GIS (PPGIS) in order to facilitate Social Spatial empowerment.

In order to strengthen the comprehensive dialogue on global geospatial information management initiated by the UNGGIM, India is keen to host the **Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC)** in Year 2022, as a part of the celebration of 75th anniversary of the National Independence. We will be eager to showcase the emerging vibrant Indian Geospatial Ecosystem, Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) being an integral part of it.

India highlights the prominent role played by the Global geospatial community in tracking and management of the current COVID 19 pandemic crisis and especially lauds the role of UNGGIM in it. Considering the trans-boundary nature of the COVID-19 spread, India recommends developing a Global Integrated Geospatial framework for management of COVID-19 and similar future pandemic and would like to actively contribute in the Coordination group constituted by the UNGGIM secretariat.

Thank You,

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