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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

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The Surveyor General of Nigeria and Head of Delegation.

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On the status of Geospatial Information Management/Activities in Nigeria, the Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation (OSGoF) being the foremost Mapping agency of Nigeria has transited from analogue to digital mapping in response to a demand driven geospatial market. And to make the geospatial products and services available to a wide range of audience who may need them around the world in the right format on demand, we set up our Data Centre but due to network security issues the centre had to be pulled down some weeks back. Right now we're in the process of rolling out the Data Centre with adequate firewalls.

On the points of discussion for the committee of experts as raised by the secretariat the Surveyor General and head of delegation notes as follows;

- i. OSGoF has noted the concerted efforts of both the expanded Bureau and the Secretariat at encouraging member states at taking practical and strategic actions to strengthen geospatial Information Management and wishes too observe that these efforts are yielding the expected positive results.
- ii. The efforts at improving and strengthening National Geospatial Information Capacity-building in developing countries is noted but we wish to call on developed countries to scale up efforts in this regard by specifically directing and dedicating more funds and technical assistance/resources to geospatial/mapping agencies of these developing nations to develop capacity.
- iii. OSGoF supports the adoption of the 3rd edition of the Future Trends Report on Geospatial Information Management (the 5-to-10-year vision).
- iv. OSGoF has been responding to the COVID-19 pandemic so far by publishing on its website daily and real time status of the pandemic across Nigeria using location based visualization rendering.
- v. Finally, we implore on the ECOSOC to continually reach out to developing countries in order to ensure that their experiences during this period are fully captured towards producing a comprehensive report in 2021.

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