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### Contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda (for information)

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The United States recognizes and congratulates the UN-GGIM: Americas for its efforts in strengthening partnerships and advancing key activities to organize, coordinate and build National and Regional capacity for countries in the Americas. Activities to note include:

- 1) Community engagement and capacity development for an Americas response to COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2. One of the key events, “The Virtual Geospatial Summit to COVID-19,” generated over 1,000 participants;
- 2) Launching of the Statistical and Geospatial Framework for the Americas (MEGA) tool to provide a statistically enriched geospatial foundation to support regional and multi-national understanding and responses to challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- 3) Acting on the 2019 interventions, the UN-GGIM: Americas Chair announced a strategic partnership with the Americas Group on Earth Observations (AmeriGEO). UN-GGIM: Americas and AmeriGEO will host the *2020 Americas Symposium* and Joint Meeting on September 7-11, 2020. The *2020 Americas Symposium* aims to bring communities together to collaborate on regional efforts involving the integration of geographic, statistical, environmental, and other information. These efforts intend to elevate the conversation beyond programmatic updates and facilitate an insightful discussion about multilateral cooperation.

These efforts by UN-GGIM: Americas are advancing the production, availability and use of geospatial information within national, regional and global policy frameworks. The United States encourages other UN-GGIM regional structures to consider similar alignments to strengthen and advance UN-GGIM goals and objectives that will enable multi-regional collaboration.

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