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ECLAC takes note and congratulates the great progress achieved in the development of the IGIF, especially the efforts to complete the Implementation Guide.

ECLAC supports the establishment of a dedicated high-level group of experts on integrated geospatial information management to maintain the momentum of the IGIF, and express the willingness and interest in collaborate in the works to be conducted by this group.

Being aware on the critical importance and value of the IGIF Implementation Guide and on the aspects regarding the improvement raised during the Global Consultation, ECLAC fully supports its adoption, subject to refinement and further finalization.

Having the valuable guidance of the Implementation guide and its nine Strategic Pathways, country level action plans are in position to begin with their formulation process, leaded by the national geospatial authority or in the context of the SDI initiative. While funding is required to develop some of the actions proposed by the implementation guide (as projects), there is other group of actions that can be conducted in-kind and should be initiated in the short term. Regional Committees and Regional Commissions could provide a good support, through technical assistance.

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