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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

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- [EARSC](#) thanks and appreciates the work done by the Secretariat delivering the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework which provides the Member States with necessary guidelines on how they can integrate and strengthen their national geospatial information management capacities.
- Building in the UNGGIM-America regional statements, EARSC **supports the establishment of a dedicated high-level group of experts as a mechanism to continue the oversight and maintain the momentum of the IGIF**. At the time of creating this high-level group, it is suggested to consider the balance in the representation in consistence with the UN-GGIM global architecture but also a balance situation on geospatial and Earth Observation.
- As a contribution to the IGIF consultation, we have proposed a complementarity exercise expanding on **Earth Observation country assessment** with the vision of embracing geospatial and Earth Observation and empowering countries by monitoring and assessing five pillars: how advanced is the stakeholder ecosystem, how well developed the enabling infrastructure, how widespread the level of uptake across different domains, how well established the partnerships with other actors, and, finally, how well structured the innovation environment. These **EO maturity indicators methodology** can help stakeholders understand their countries' capacities and act towards their enhancement adding the to the IGIF on the EO capacities.

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