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Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> UN-GGIM:Americas	
<i>Statement:</i> UN-GGIM: Americas takes note of the report of the Subcommittee on Geodesy, and thanks and congratulates the members for the excellent work done. The Regional Committee considers the draft position paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) a key document to visualize the current state of the art of global geodesy and the sustainability of the GGRF. The Regional Committee supports the tasks that are carried out to address the critical gaps in the GGRF's sustainability based on the work plan with the 5 areas of focus proposed. The Regional Committee recognizes the urgent need to generate an additional mechanism to sustain the GGRF, such as the Global Geodetic Center of Excellence (GGCE), through which collaboration between Member States would be improved for strengthening the geodetic infrastructure, maximizing efforts and avoiding duplicity. UN-GGIM: Americas appreciates the great effort of the Federal Republic of Germany for the initiative presented to host the GGCE in the city of Bonn, Germany. The Regional Committee supports the creation of the GGCE and encourage Member States to participate and contribute to this initiative to ensure the sustainability and quality of the GGRF.	
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