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Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Head of United States Delegation, United Nations Expert Group on Global Geospatial Information Management	
<i>Statement:</i> The United States supports the efforts of the Subcommittee on Geodesy to develop a Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) that meets positioning and measurement requirements for global scientific, engineering, and commercial applications as well as the needs of the individual Nations as outlined in the report entitled “Global geodetic reference frame.” We recognize the significant work of the Subcommittee this past year to coordinate voluntary development of geodetic infrastructure; education, training, and capacity building; geodetic standards and guidelines; outreach and communication; and most especially, suitable governance mechanisms to implement the GGRF. The United States notes with interest the possibility of establishing a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence – as suggested in the Draft Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame and further illustrated in the Draft Concept Paper on the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence – as a means to enhance the capacity of the subcommittee, and support its intention to effectively and efficiently encourage voluntary global cooperation and capacity building in support of the Global Geodetic Reference Frame.	
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