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Sweden highly appreciates the work done by the Expert Group and welcomes the new leadership of Germany and Namibia.	
Sweden takes note of the report from the Expert Group, the updated Terms of Reference and new Work plan for 2020-2022. In particular we welcome the increased focus on coordination of exchange of knowledge and capacity building. We believe that more coordinated efforts is beneficial for all parties involved.	
More so than perhaps ever before, the past couple of months have demonstrated the importance of location in combination with socio-economic, demographic, health and mobility data to understand and manage crises. Hence, integration of statistical and geospatial information can hardly be more topical and the work of the Expert Group more timely.	
Despite current difficult times we would like to urge the participants of the Expert Group to keep up the momentum and encourage other countries and and organisations to join the group in order to carry out the rather ambitious but much needed work plan.	
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