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Statement:
The United States recognizes the report prepared by the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information for this Tenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (E/C.20/2020/28/Add.1) and continues to strongly support the development of guidance for implementing the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework principles to integrate statistical, geospatial, and other related information.   We congratulate the Expert Group on the adoption of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework in August 2019 at the Ninth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management and additionally its endorsement at the 51st Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2020.   We acknowledge the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic as causing additional demands on the members of the Expert Group, but that it also demonstrates the importance of the work of the Expert Group and the integration of geospatial data with statistics and related information.   Finally, the United States recommends that countries strengthen partnerships between national statistical offices and national mapping agencies because they are critical to successfully implement the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework.
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