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Statement:
Norway welcomes the report from the secretariat on strengthening the management of geospatial information, and notes the many activities that have been carried out since the previous session, despite the situation caused by Covid-19. We see the value of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) now becoming a umbrella framework over several underlying guidelines and frameworks developed under UN-GGIM during the past 10 years. It will be important to continue the good work to ensure that these processes converge and give special attention to consistency with other frameworks.
Norway welcomes the third edition of the Future Trends Report on Geospatial Information Management (the 5-to 10-year vision) and would like to thank the United Kingdom, through the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain, in coordinating the revision.
Norway supports the broad cross-sectoral scope of the report. It goes beyond the classical user communities and points to broad use in everyday services. The cross-sectoral approach is also important when setting ambitions in joining and integrating different communities and data ecosystem, both in terms of culture, knowledge and technology. Norway considers the Future Trends report to be a valuable resource for highlighting the value of geospatial information and supports the adoption of the third edition of the report.
Norway would like to contribute to future activities that can strengthen the interlinkages among the global geospatial community. The broad portfolio of outputs from the all working groups and work programs of the Committee, are a strong basis for the committees report to ECOSOC in 2021.