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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Distinguished Delegates, Observers and Colleagues

On behalf of the Open Geospatial Consortium, the ISO Technical Committee 211 on Geographic information / Geomatics, and the International Hydrographic Organization, I am honored to provide this summary of our work and forward emphasis relevant to this agenda item. Our organizations work in partnership to leverage our respective missions, and membership expertise to advance Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (F.A.I.R.) principles and standards to meet the goals and objectives of the UN-GGIM. We continue to increase cooperation through our formal liaison agreements to produce standards and recommendations that could not be fully achieved by working in isolation.

In the months ahead we will continue our work to ease the integration and use of the rapidly expanding body of geospatial data from traditional and non-traditional sources, and the fast evolving technologies and analytical methods relevant to addressing important social, economic, and environmental challenges. To complement our support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, our priority focus will include emphasis on marine, land administration, land cover / land use, addressing, geodetic information management, disease surveillance and health, the disaster lifecycle, and data sharing across boundaries, disciplines, and domains.

We will revise the UN-GGIM ***Guide to the Role of Standards for Geospatial Information Management*** to align it more closely with the IGIF Implementation Guide, and to accommodate new standards and proven practices of value to the Member States. In conjunction with this effort, we will increase our engagement with UN-GGIM regional committees.

We encourage Member States to participate in OGC, ISO/TC 211 and IHO programs and meetings. Our work is driven by requirements identified by the global user community. Member State input and stakeholder participation is key to our success.

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