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**UN-GGIM:** Europe

## Statement:

- UN-GGIM: Europe notes the report provided by the Working Group welcoming the progress achieved during the intersessional period.
- UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the white paper that is aimed at understanding how countries manage and make marine geospatial information accessible.
- Realising that the need for better integrated and sustained access to marine geospatial
  information remains high it is important to focus on raising awareness and promotion of the
  issues. It is also noted that Working Group is considering an integrated geospatial data
  management approach, including standards, in support of integrated ecosystems-based
  management practices that would require collaboration across disciplines and institutions,
  including users and stakeholders.
- The Regional Committee therefore notes with interest that the Working Group considers that the IGIF provides the mechanism to facilitate collaboration between the maritime, terrestrial and cadastral domains in this regard.
- The Regional Committee also welcomes the additional membership since the last reporting period thereby increasing the geographic representation in the Working Group, and further encourages further participation from underrepresented regions to improve the group's composition.
- UN-GGIM: Europe would like to promote and encourage more connection and communication with the Working Group to enhance the collaboration between the maritime and other domains.

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