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Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> UN-GGIM: Europe	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the report for the Working Group, noting the positive progress in the group’s activities particularly the completion of the white paper on the policy and legal aspects of the availability of geospatial information.• The Regional Committee believes that the current Covid-19 crises has highlighted the need for policy and legal guidance in the use of geospatial data which have been an integral part of many national public health responses to this pandemic including testing, tracking and treating.• UN-GGIM: Europe notes with interest the proposed future work of the Working Group which is to focus on transitioning from the hypothetical to real-world situations. Also welcomes the additional considerations, including authoritative data, legal issues around geospatial data for public good and the implementation of the IGIF at national level.• The Regional Committee endorses the proposed name change to the Working Group on Policy and Legal Frameworks for Geospatial Information management, so as to align it with strategic pathway 2 of the IGIF.	
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