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Statement:
Within our geospatial community, nobody doubts that Geodesy is vital for earth science and societal applications.
The IAG has more than 150 years of history in bringing together geodetic institutions of UN Member States, and provides fundamental geodetic products and services.
Two of the IAG challenges are (1) the sustainability of the geodetic infrastructure, the basis of all what we do in geodetic science, and (2) ensure access to the GGRF by all Member States.
That is why IAG will continue to heavily contribute to the activities of the UN-GGIM Subcommittee on geodesy.
IAG reiterates its appreciation to Germany in hosting the GGCE and is looking forward for concrete cooperation and coordination.

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