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Strengthening of geospatial information management
(for discussion and decision)

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The ICA acknowledges efforts of the Secretariat to strengthen geospatial information management. When founded in 2011, the Committee was established intentionally without resources. As work expanded during its 10-years, no resources were authorized for the Secretariat. With the IGIF, critical to Member States in addressing their national priorities, to expect the Secretariat to continue in its current “no-resources” mode is untenable. The ICA recommends establishing a working group to develop a proposed organizational structure and financial plan that includes an annual budget for staffing resources and expenses for GGIM Bureau approval and submission to the Department of Social and Economic Affairs for review and action.

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