Statement of shared guiding principles for geospatial information management

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Issues and Challenges

- How is Intellectual Property Law Applied?
- The obligations of government to provide universal access to GI collected at public expense
- How do we establish trust in GI that enables it to be used with confidence?
- Protecting personal privacy and security from unethical use of GI
- Using non-transparent pricing policies and licences

The rights of citizens to access GI collected at public expense

Positioning geospatial information to address global challenges
Progress at 4\textsuperscript{th} Meeting

• Endorsement of the terms of reference and programme of activities of the Working Group

• Agreed a more appropriate title “A statement of shared guiding principles for geospatial information management.”

• The Committee noted the strong consensus on the statement of shared guiding principles, and

• Requested the Working Group to provide a final statement of shared guiding principles for endorsement at its fifth session
3 Themes to the Principles

• Innovation
• Governance
• Compliance
Revision and Consultation Process

- 12 interventions at our 4th session
- Revised draft issued in January 2015
- 28 responses
- 50% endorsement without further changes
- 14% provided detailed comments
- 2 additional principles
  - Expertise;
  - International cooperation & harmonization
## Respondents

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Additional Principles

- **Expertise**: value national expertise in geospatial information knowledge and experience in order to, where appropriate, comment on and validate the quality of geospatial datasets covering the national territory, seeking their overall consistency, in order to advise on matters of application, interpretation and use of geospatial information.

- **International cooperation and harmonization**: engage in bilateral and multilateral cooperation in geospatial information management to foster effective and efficient geospatial data management systems in all Member States. Harmonization of national geospatial data and services at regional and global levels is encouraged in order to meet the needs of supranational users.
The Committee is invited to:

a. Take note of the work by the Working Group inclusive of this report and endorse the *Statement of Shared Guiding Principles for Geospatial Information Management*;

b. Approve the approach to have the *Statement of Shared Guiding Principles for Geospatial Information Management* referred to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for endorsement, and commit to providing the support needed to table the principles at ECOSOC;

c. Encourage Member States to adopt the *Statement of Shared Guiding Principles for Geospatial Information Management*; and

d. Provide guidance on the planned activities of the Working Group, specifically its promotion and revision plans.