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**MESSAGE TO
2nd UNITED NATIONS WORLD GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION
CONGRESS**

Hyderabad, India, 10 October 2022

I am pleased to greet the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress as you gather in Hyderabad.

This important event brings together experts from across government, geospatial agencies, academia, industry, the private sector, and civil society.

You are united around a common quest: using geospatial data, digital tools, and technological innovation to move towards a better, greener, and safer future for all.

You will share ideas and explore how integrated geospatial information can help advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We need your geospatial expertise on two fronts: To measure progress – and to make progress.

We need you to drive innovation and action through the power of data – focused on the most marginalized and vulnerable communities and places.

That is why I welcome your theme – “Geo-enabling the global village” – to ensure no one is left behind. And I appreciate your outreach to the next generation with a dedicated youth forum.

Your efforts will also help advance the UN Data Strategy, which is designed to build a whole-of-UN data ecosystem that unlocks our full data potential for people and planet.

The benefits of more timely, detailed, and accessible data are many: Geospatial information can bridge gaps, provide a clearer picture of where and how we can do better, and deliver deeper insights and smarter decisions.

For all of this and more, your knowledge of geospatial data, methods, frameworks, tools, and platforms is essential.

Together, let us leverage your expertise and experience for a more sustainable, inclusive and geo-enabled global village for all.

Thank you.
