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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Finland	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Finland welcomes the elaborate Report on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework prepared by the Secretariat with assistance from the World Bank. In particular, Finland appreciates the very informative summary of the results of the Broad Global Consultation on the IGIF Implementation Guide.</p> <p>Finland supports strongly the proposed establishment of a high-level group of experts on integrated geospatial information management. A dedicated expert group is required to guarantee that the major effort invested in establishing the IGIF will not be wasted and the current momentum in mobilizing the Member states to embark the implementation of IGIF is preserved. Adequate resourcing for the new expert group is imperative to generate significant impact and to secure effective operation of the group.</p> <p>Finland appreciates the extensive work on compiling the IGIF Implementation Guide which is a remarkable piece of work and certainly useful for governments across the globe. While noting the value of the nine strategic pathways of the Framework and the numerous tangibly presented tools and measures for practical implementation of the Framework Finland encourages the Committee of Experts to further highlight the opportunities and challenges of how geospatial data can be integrated with other non-spatial data in the next editions of the Implementation guide.</p> <p>Finland is pleased to note the ongoing work of compiling country-level Action Plans as collaborative work between Member States. Similar Action Plans based on the IGIF Implementation Guide for e.g. European Union Member States with considerable experience of geospatial information management and SDI implementation would also provide valuable comprehension of the applicability of the IGIF Framework.</p> <p>Finally, Finland wishes to encourage the Secretariat to consolidate a refined version of the Implementation Guide for a swift adoption. As suggested in the Report the IGIF must not be a monolithic and fixed piece of artwork but a living usable document which is reviewed, reiterated and complemented in a constant process and always based on practical implementation experiences of the Member States.</p>	
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