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### Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Finland	
<i>Statement:</i>  Finland strongly supports the work of the UN-GGIM Subcommittee of Geodesy. Preparation of the Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame and the Concept Paper on the Global Geodetic Reference Frame are great steps towards realization of the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) that could provide operational coordination, technical assistance and capacity building. Finland welcomes the offer of Germany to host the GGCE.  Finland also wants to point out the essential role of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG) in this development. Existing geodetic services of the IAG form the basis of global geodetic infrastructure, and in-kind contributions of several nations within these services would be direct support also for the GGCE. Wide participation of nations and related scientific organizations are needed for the successful realization of the GGCE.	
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