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Re: Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame – the German application for a United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) in Germany

Dear colleague,

The Canadian Geodetic Survey (CGS) of Natural Resources Canada, Government of Canada takes great interest in the proposed United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) in Germany. Canada acknowledges and appreciates the long-standing international leadership role provided by Germany in the field of geodesy.

On behalf of Canada's delegation to the United Nation Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Committee of Experts I would like to express our full support for the establishment of the first GGCE in Bonn, recognizing that this Centre will fulfill an urgent need in the global geodetic ecosystem and will be an important mechanism towards sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame.

We take note of your invitation to contribute to the Centre. As a representative of the Americas to the UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy, I will continue my efforts to contribute to the international geodetic community. My colleagues in the Canadian Geodetic Survey will contribute to international efforts, including other UN-GGIM efforts and taking a leadership role to advance the International Geodetic Registry.

Sincerely,

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