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### Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management its report on strengthening geospatial information management, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/10th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on how the global geospatial information management community can actively contribute to efforts by Member States to strengthen their geospatial information management.

### Summary of the report

At its ninth session, held in New York from 7 to 9 August 2019, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 9/101, in which it welcomed the efforts of the Secretariat and the expanded Bureau of the Committee in continuing to take practical and strategic action to strengthen geospatial information management for Member States in line with the broadened mandate of the Committee pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2016/27 of 27 July 2016. The Committee noted the considerable efforts undertaken to improve and strengthen national geospatial information capacity-building activities and welcomed efforts to advance the establishment of a global geospatial knowledge and innovation centre, providing opportunities to build global geospatial capacity and capability. It also noted the progress and preparations for the sixth High-level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management, to be convened by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in April 2020, as well as the request of the Council in its resolution 2016/27 that the Committee report back to it within the next two years.

In the report, prepared with assistance from the expanded Bureau, the Secretariat provides information on the efforts to take practical and strategic actions to implement the resolution and strengthen geospatial information management in

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Member States. The report contains details about the postponement of the sixth High-level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management and the convening of a series of virtual High-level Forum events as a consequence of the postponement. In the report, the Secretariat discusses the process and subsequent completion of the third edition of the report on future trends in geospatial information management (the 5- to 10-year vision), as well as its relevance to nationally integrated geospatial information management. The report also provides updates on progress towards the establishment of a United Nations global geospatial knowledge and innovation centre in Deqing, China, which will support and sustain long-term geospatial capacity-development and capability development and strengthen integrated geospatial information management regionally and globally. In the report, efforts to begin the process of reporting back to the Economic and Social Council on its resolution [2016/27](#) are set out. In the report, the Secretariat elaborates on its efforts and those of the Bureau, the regional committees of the Committee of Experts on and United Nations regional commissions to raise awareness, share knowledge and exchange practices and experiences to support Member States in their efforts to effectively respond to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic through their geospatial capacities, products and services.

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