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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 the report prepared by the working group on geospatial information and services for disasters, 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 the progress of the working group, including the adoption of its revised terms of reference, and in encouraging Member States to implement the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters.

Summary of the report

At its ninth session, held in New York from 7 to 9 August 2019, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 9/109, in which it welcomed the report of the working group and its efforts in advancing critical issues related to geospatial information and services for disasters. The Committee noted the areas for the working group to consider in its future work, including linkages to other international initiatives and actors in disaster risk reduction and management, the design and implementation of scenario-based exercises on different hazards and alignment of its work with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework. In addition, it commended the working group on the preparation of the assessment survey on the Strategic Framework as a tool to help Member States to develop national implementation plans for geospatial information and services in support of disaster risk reduction and management.

In the report, the working group provides information on its intersessional activities, including the revision of its terms of reference, implementation of the assessment survey tool, updates on work being undertaken by a number of task teams and the modalities to assist the Statistical Commission in the development of a global

* [E/C.20/2020/20](http://www.un.org/Depts/under20/).



statistical framework on disaster-related statistics. The report contains information on additional activities under consideration by the working group, including the geospatial community's response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, encouraging and strengthening Member State participation in the working group's activities and encouraging greater coordination and collaboration with regional committees and thematic networks of the Committee of Experts and the United Nations regional commissions on activities relevant to geospatial information and services for disaster risk reduction.
