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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

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The United Kingdom recognises the global significance of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework as an enabling mechanism that can be applied to any country. In June 2020, the UK Government published the UK Geospatial Strategy “Unlocking the power of location”. The strategy will realise the economic, social and environmental value of geospatial for the UK. It is closely aligned with the IGIF and we welcome and acknowledge the significant amount of work that has taken place over the last few years to develop and finalise the IGIF Part 2: Implementation Guide.

We support the development and establishment of a dedicated high-level group of experts as a mechanism to maintain the momentum and continuous refinement of the IGIF. As mentioned in our consultation response the UK welcomes the opportunity to be engaged and involved in the continued development and implementation of the IGIF, and would welcome a discussion with the UN-GGIM Secretariat as to how the UK can best contribute to this.

We support the adoption of the IGIF Part 2: Implementation Guide during the tenth session of the Committee of Experts; empowering the UN-GGIM Secretariat, Expanded Bureau and dedicated high-level group of experts to refine and finalise IGIF Part 2: Implementation Guide, after considering all the consultation feedback as soon as practical. We also support the suggestion that the Implementation Guide should be reviewed through an iterative process after a period of practical implementation.

The work to finalise Part 2: Implementation Guide should include an update of IGIF Part 1: Overarching Strategic Framework so that the Elements of each of the Strategic Pathways align and reflect those endorsed in Part 2: Implementation Guide. This is especially relevant to Policy and Legal; Financial; Innovation; Standards; Partnerships; and Communication and Engagement.

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