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Prof. Dr. Paul Becker  
President BKG  
Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy

**Object: Support to the establishment of the first Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) in Germany**

Dear President Becker, Dear Colleague

In my role of Head of the Italian Delegation of the UN GGIM, I confirm, on behalf of the Italian Government, our full support in the above mentioned establishment of the first Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) in Germany.

Italy understands and shares the importance of the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) as the fundamental foundation for evidence-based policies, decisions and program delivery.

The GGRF underpins the collection and management of nationally integrated geospatial information and is used to monitor our dynamic Earth. In a more and more developing world reliant on high accuracy measurements and location based services, the sustainability of the GGRF becomes more important than ever before.

Italy recognizes the longer-term vision, stability and operational requirements of the GGRF, including the establishment of a federated GGCE in cooperation with UN-GGIM.

Italy welcomes and fully supports the first GGCE to be established in the UN Campus Bonn, Germany, and encourages the other UN Member States to promote the plans to achieve the GGCE establishment as soon as possible.

This declaration of support from Italy acknowledges the establishment of the GGCE in Germany as an urgent need in the “global geodetic panorama” being a tangible mechanism towards sustaining the GGRF.

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