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Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Norway	
<i>Statement:</i> Norway takes note of the report, and background documents and congratulates the Subcommittee on its work. Norway is concerned with the degradation of the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF). As a means to improve the situation and as a step forward, the Subcommittee on Geodesy, in 2019, proposed to establish a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence under the auspices of the United Nations. Norway agrees with this view. The establishment of such a Centre is of vital importance to ensure the development and sustainability of the Global Geodetic Reference Frame, which in turn is underpinning the Sustainable development goals, leaving no one behind. Norway welcomes the offer from the Federal Republic of Germany to host a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence and strongly supports the establishment of this Centre. Once the Centre is established, the Norwegian Mapping Authority will contribute with a senior communications advisor by virtual secondment. Norway looks forward to seeing this Centre in full operation in Bonn.	
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