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Mexico is grateful for the Secretariat’s assistance to facilitate greater communication between the Inter-Agency and Expert Group and the working group to strengthen alignment with, and closer cooperation between, the geospatial and statistical communities; which has allowed to revise the working group’s terms of reference and membership. We also acknowledge with gratitude the Secretariat’s ongoing assistance and their presence and support during the sixth meeting of the WGGI, held in Mexico City in March 2020, at which the working group revised its work plan for 2020–2021.

The activities of the WGGI will favour the actions carried out in Mexico. For instance, our Technical Specialized Committee on the SDGs is performing a review of the national indicator framework, hence the working group’s efforts on identifying both the geospatial and disaggregation elements in the indicators is of relevance for this purpose. Furthermore, through the mechanisms for showcasing the contribution of geospatial information to the indicators and the outlining of the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap, the diverse ministries in Mexico will also be propelled to identify strengths and opportunities with regards to the adequate use of geospatial information for the 2030 Agenda.

The developments in EO technologies, like the Open Data Cube, are also important for our nation as we have just recently initiated joint work with UN-ECLAC toward the implementation of Digital Earth Americas, a regional platform for strengthening geospatial infrastructures, through the construction of capacities for efficiently processing satellite imagery to support monitoring of public policies. This joint effort will be focused in promoting the contribution of the EO to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the region of the Americas.

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