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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Slovenia/UN-GGIM: Europe	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On behalf of UN-GGIM: Europe regional committee I would like to welcoming the progress on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, particularly the activities around the development of the Implementation Guide of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework. The European Regional Committee commends the broad global consultation process undertaken with Member States and relevant stakeholders in developing the Guide.• The UN GGIM Europe Regional Committee understands that IGIF is a living document which is already being implemented and used by a number of Member States to develop and implement their Country-level Action Plans. The Regional Committee strongly suggests that the IGIF should be reviewed after a period of practical implementation through an iterative process of honing and refining after it has been applied by more Member States at different levels of geospatial maturity. The aim is to reduce the complexity of the document rendering it more accessible, streamlines and usable.• The Regional Committee agrees that the World Bank and the United Nations have an excellent opportunity to initiate donor coordination on the IGIF. The two entities should therefore consider how to communicate the importance of the IGIF towards potential donors, working with other Member states and stakeholder organisations in order to help countries implement the IGIF based on national needs and requirements.• UN-GGIM: Europe believes that it is useful to establish a knowledge exchange network between countries in the process of implementing the IGIF to help leapfrog ahead to bridge the geospatial digital divide. The Regional Committee would be happy to support such knowledge exchange activities.• The Regional Committee supports the establishment of a dedicated high-level group of experts on integrated geospatial information management as a mechanism to continue the oversight and mobilize needed resources to maintain the momentum of the IGIF.	
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