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Geospatial information and services for disasters (for discussion and decision)

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UN-GGIM: Americas welcomes and takes note of the report presented by the Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters and extends congratulations and commendations on the work executed during the period 2019 – 2020, under the leadership of Jamaica and Japan.

UN-GGIM: Americas endorses the revised Terms of Reference that will guide the operations of the UN-GGIM WG Disasters. Special reference is made to Objective 3.3 of the workplan which speaks to the Working Group encouraging greater coordination and collaboration on geospatial information activities for disaster risk management with the Regional Committees. We are pleased to have commenced such activities with the joint execution of the “UN-GGIM Virtual Geospatial Summit on COVID-19” held on 8 April 2020 under the theme “GIS Response to COVID-19”.

UN-GGIM: Americas fully supports the goal and outcomes of the 2017 endorsed Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters and takes note of and supports the Working Group’s urging of Member States to consider implementing the Strategic Framework, particularly given that the COVID-19 pandemic provides a unique opportunity for monitoring and tracking each country’s progress across the five priorities for action.

Of particular note, are the efforts of the UN-GGIM WG Disasters to facilitate the global administering of the Strategic Framework’s Assessment tool. Our support of this initiative was evidenced by the recent collaborative hosting of the “Implementing the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters in the Americas” webinar on August 4, 2020, with the support of presentations delivered by the Working Group Disasters.

Additionally, UN-GGIM: Americas takes note that the Strategic Framework is aligned with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) as per detailed assessment conducted by the Working Group and presented during the Strategic Framework webinar.

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