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**Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data  
(for discussion and decision)**

*Statement provided by:*

Government of India

*Statement:*

Dear Chairman,

Legal and Policy aspects for geospatial data generation and management are very important & critical as part of effective and efficient Geospatial Information Governance in a country. The scope, complexities and implementation issues have been covered well in the Strategic Pathway (SP)-2 (Legal & Policy) in the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) and the implementation strategies for addressing legal and policy matters within a particular country is bound to vary and evolve with time. Infact as country, we are deliberating on Legal & Policy framework requirements holistically as part of the country level IGIF implementation strategy and road map for action plan.

Working Group (WG) on Legal & Policy has been doing commendable job in identifying the complexities involved, understanding the aspects and undertaking the use cases for validating the uessuggested way forward to deal with such policy aspects which we all understand that has not fit forl all solution. India has no objection in proposed renaming of the WG on Policy & framework for geospatial Information management to align with Strategic Pathway (SP)-2 : Policy & Legal.

In view of availability of variety of open geospatial information and data, associated legal standing in use of such data in various government & non-government activities, the authoritative data matters viz definitions, terms, policy guidelines, handling etc have emerged for discussions, considerations and decisions for its uses and legal sanctity.

Authoritative data preparation, availability, management and uses is based on different underlying principles primarily driven by circumstances and national government priorities, hence the existing policy & legal framework needs to be modified (if required) in due course addressing all aspects.

Thank You,

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