Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

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• Canada commends the Expanded Bureau and Secretariat for its outstanding efforts in coordinating a range of practical and strategic actions to strengthen geospatial information management for Member States.

• Canada commends the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain, UN-GGIM: Europe and other contributors for leading and coordinating the third edition of the Future Trends Report on Geospatial Information Management (the 5- to 10-year vision) and supports its adoption by the Committee.

• Canada commends the Secretariat, Member States and other partners for their efforts to support and evaluate the COVID-19 response. There is value in continuing global efforts to coordinate standard approaches to reporting on pandemics and other disasters. Canada encourages the Committee of Experts to leverage the work plans of the different Expert Groups and committees to reinforce the need for location-based information for pandemics and other disasters – especially the use of alternative data sources such as Earth observation/satellite data; and open data for spatial data layers for critical and social infrastructure.

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