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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

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Ireland takes note of the report of the Secretariat to the tenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). Ireland recognises the considerable practical and strategic actions taken by the Expanded Bureau and the Secretariat to implement the Council's resolution and to strengthen geospatial information management for Member States, notwithstanding the considerable disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ireland welcomes the third edition of the Future Trends Report on Geospatial Information Management (the 5-to 10-year vision) and participated in the global consultation. We would, in particular, wish to commend the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain for undertaking the revision of the Report on as this is a valuable reference document for the global geospatial community.

Ireland commends the Secretariat, Member States and other partners for their efforts to support and evaluate the COVID-19 response. The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the critical need and value of geospatial information, its importance in responding rapidly, effectively and efficiently to a global public health crisis. Ireland has shared its experiences and lessons learnt through UN-GGIM webinars and a case study and supports mechanisms that will enable the exchange of this knowledge.

Ireland appreciates the efforts that have brought forward the IGIF - this Framework is not only a testament of the Committee's achievement so far but also an enabler showing all Member States how they can integrate and strengthen their national geospatial information management arrangements according to their national circumstances.

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