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Information Management**

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**Global geodetic reference frame  
(for discussion and decision)**

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Government of India

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Dear Chairman,

India takes note of the report and work of subcommittee on Geodesy and appreciates sincere efforts of countries and Institutions who are members and observant of the subcommittee for their contribution. In this age of Information, accurate location information is becoming more and more crucial not only to our economic activities but also to our social interactions and environment sustainability.

Global Geodetic reference frame is fundamental for collection integration and dissemination of these location informations. India welcomes subcommittees observation in Position paper that for development of more sustainable Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF), member states need to address infrastructure gaps and lack of redundancy.

Indian subcontinent has comparatively low density of Geodetic infrastructure. But now India desires to make good on this account and wish to contribute more by investing in Geodetic infrastructure like VLBI and Dense network of active GNSS stations.

India supports draft concept paper on establishing a Global Geodetic Center of Excellence (GGCE)and welcome offer made by Germany to host it. We acknowledge that GGCE will be instrumental in Training and Capacity Building in the field of Geodesy as well as in extending communication and outreach of this global endeavor. We recommend that this effort should also be further reinforced by creating a network of regional and national Geodetic Center of excellence.

Thank You,

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