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### **Geospatial information for sustainable development (for information)**

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***Statement:***

Dear Chairman,

India is committed towards sustainable development and has put in place a monitoring framework not just at the national level but also at the sub-national levels. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation along with NITI Aayog, and with the support of all the Ministries, have put in place mechanisms that can help track the progress of the country towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in which geospatial information plays a critical role.

In view of the fact, that the ultimate aim of ‘sustainable development’ is that to ‘Leave no one behind’, specialization of the status of these indicators is crucial. In this regard, the proposed work plan of the Working Group of Geospatial Information is well-appreciated. The identification of SDG Indicators where geospatial information, including Earth observations, can contribute to the production of the indicator or its disaggregation will help countries make use of the hitherto-unused datasets to identify the ‘lagging areas’ and propose appropriate remedies.

It is observed that we often tend to re-invent the wheel due to lack of awareness of the tried and tested methods that have been successful elsewhere. In this direction, the envisaged role of WGGI of promoting national, regional and global efforts and real world examples through a focused communication and coordination mechanism is likely to be a game-changer for implementation in many cases.

We look forward to the support from the WGGI in particular and the UNGGIM, in general, in augmenting India’s efforts to lay the foundation for a more prosperous and secure future for us and for the future generations that will follow us.

Thank You,

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