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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> UN-GGIM: Europe	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the report by the Secretariat on strengthening geospatial information management, noting with appreciation the many activities undertaken in this regard since the last session, notwithstanding the considerable disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.• The Regional Committee welcomes the third edition of the Future Trends Report on Geospatial Information Management (the 5-to 10-year vision). Noting with appreciation the leadership of the United Kingdom, through the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain, in coordinating the revision through a board global consultative process. UN-GGIM: Europe believes the Future Trends Report is a valuable asset in helping Member States realise how geospatial information and technology are increasingly underpinning national governments and supports the adoption of the third edition of the report.• 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. UN-GGIM: Europe strongly believes that experiences and lessons learnt should be shared and supports mechanisms that will enable the exchange of this knowledge. The Regional Committee undertakes to encourage its members to share their experiences with the Committee.• UN-GGIM: Europe appreciates and commends the work and efforts that have brought the Committee to its milestone tenth session. The culmination of the broad programme of work of UN-GGIM is 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. The Regional Committee believes that the IGIF, when coupled with a strong portfolio of outputs from the broader programme of the Committee, are a strong basis for the ECOSOC report in 2021. UN-GGIM: Europe therefore supports a short and focused report, and offers its assistance in compiling it.	
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