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

<i>Statement provided by:</i> UN-GGIM: Europe	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UN-GGIM: Europe notes the report presented by the Subcommittee on Geodesy, acknowledging the work carried out during the intersessional period in addressing appropriate governance arrangements and considerations the long-term sustainability and quality of the global geodetic reference frame.</li><li>• The Regional Committee welcomes the draft Position Paper and the draft Concept paper being presented to the Committee at this tenth session for broader consultation so that Member States and relevant geodetic stakeholders are able to ensure alignment with the practical and operational requirements proposed by the Subcommittee.</li><li>• UN-GGIM: Europe believes that the GGRF is fundamental to the work of the Committee of Experts, acknowledges the disparity of development and therefore encourage Member States to actively participate in the working groups of the Subcommittee, and to ensure broad geographical representation and even development context.</li><li>• UN-GGIM: Europe believes that by establishing a GGCE in support of the long-term sustainability of the Frame, the Subcommittee can start to tackle important issues which include a lack of geodetic infrastructure, poor accessibility in some regions, a reliance on in-kind contribution and insufficient collaboration and coordination. By supporting the long-term sustainability of the GGRF focus can also be given to other critical areas including education training, capacity development, and outreach and communication. It is for this reason that UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes and supports the application from the Federal Republic of Germany to establish the GGCE in Bonn.</li></ul>	
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