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**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

Distinguished Delegates, Observers and Colleagues

On behalf of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), the ISO Technical Committee 211 on Geographic information/ Geomatics (ISO/TC 211), and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), I am honored to forward emphasis of our work relevant to this agenda item. Our organizations work in partnership and continue to leverage our respective missions, to advance Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (F.A.I.R.) principles and standards to meet the goals of the UN-GGIM. Now more than ever, the world needs our collective standards to enable the integration of the rapidly increasing geospatial data from various sources and evolving technologies relevant to addressing social, economic, and environmental challenges. To strengthen our support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, our activities are focused on standards and best practices for marine, land administration, land cover/ land use, addressing, geodetic information, disease surveillance and health, disaster life cycle, and data sharing across boundaries and disciplines.

In doing so, we have revised the ***Guide to the Role of Standards for Geospatial Information Management (the “Standards Guide”)***, to also align it with the IGIF Implementation Guide. We invite the committee of experts to consider this draft third version (provided as a background document), with a view to its endorsement as a living document. Comments are invited by the end of October, and we encourage a broad review, in particular contributions documenting implementations of standards.

Our work is driven by requirements and practical needs identified by the global user community that you represent. We urge Member States to participate in OGC, ISO/TC 211 and IHO programs and community activities. Stakeholder participation is a key to our success in delivering the standards that are needed to solve today's challenges as well as tomorrow's.

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