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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to invite their Government to designate an expert or experts to the eleventh session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), which will be held virtually on 23, 24 and 27 August 2021. The provisional agenda for the meeting will be issued as document [E/C.20/2021/1](#).

This invitation is in pursuance of Economic and Social Council decision 2021/233, adopted at the 8th plenary meeting of ECOSOC on 8 June 2021.

The Committee of Experts was established to provide a forum for coordination and dialogue among Member States, and between Member States and relevant international organizations on all issues related to geospatial information management. It aims to promote and strengthen the coordination and coherence of global geospatial information management, in policy guidance, norm-setting, capacity development and code of practice globally and to enhance the availability and application of geospatial information and services. The terms of reference approved by ECOSOC call upon Member States to designate experts with specific knowledge drawn from the interrelated fields of surveying, geography, cartography and mapping, remote sensing, land/sea and geographic information systems, and environmental protection.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if the Permanent Representatives of Member States and the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States would inform him of the names of the members of the delegation of their Government who will attend the session, by registering the composition of their delegations in the e-deleGATE portal (under ECOSOC/United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management).

Additionally, e-deleGATE Administrators/Focal Points in the Permanent Missions are requested to register their participants for the session in the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management module of the e-deleGATE portal, with the “Temporary delegate” account, so they could receive Secretariat’s messages, circulated through the portal.

In order to assist the Secretariat with its preparation for the Committee session, the Secretary-General would be grateful to receive as soon as possible the information requested through the aforementioned procedure. The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to request those Governments which may wish to submit country reports, to do so in accordance with the procedures outlined in document E/C.20/2021/INF/1. For further information, please refer to the website of the UN-GGIM at: <http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/11th-session/>.