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1. UN-GGIM: Africa takes note of the report of the Working Group on Marine and geospatial information and further supports the progress made so far as well as planned activities and next steps forward.

2. The Africa Region would like to reiterate its call for a special effort towards the strengthening of African Member States capacities to better mainstream the Blue Economy into their national development plans, strategies and policies. The region further calls upon the Working Group for collaboration in the implementation the Africa Blue Economy with lessons sharing and good practices emerging from countries engaged in the Blue Economy process.

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