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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Kingdom of Belgium	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The Kingdom of Belgium acknowledges the work that has been done and welcomes the progress that has been made by the HLG-IGIF during the short period of its existence. We fully endorse the six strategic goals defined by the HLG-IGIF as well as the chosen priority goals where communication and knowledge sharing are a pivotal. We applaud the vision of the HLG-IGIF to consider the IGIF as a living framework, applicable to all member states, that will evolve over time.</p> <p>The Kingdom of Belgium shares the voiced concern of inadequate resources to finalize and maintain the IGIF. We encourage all member states and international organizations to contribute to the further development of the framework.</p> <p>The Kingdom of Belgium would like to emphasize that the implementation of the framework is not a goal on its own, rather the means to an end. Therefore we welcome the proposed interlinkages with other various regional and global frameworks such as the SDG's and IPCC. Such linkages maximize resources and benefits, while avoiding duplication of efforts.</p>	
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