

Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

Eleventh Session

Agenda item 5

Integrated Geospatial Information Framework

Introductory Statement

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Distinguished representatives, delegates, observers, colleagues and friends,

It is with great honor that we present to you the report and strategic plan of the High-Level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (HLG-IGIF) for your kind consideration and endorsement. In its decision 10/103, the Committee of Experts endorsed the establishment of the HLG-IGIF mandated to provide high-level strategic leadership, coordination and oversight to ensure sustained implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF). Since its establishment, the HLG-IGIF has developed and agreed on and prioritized its strategic plan and goals to sustain and advance the implementation of the IGIF. The strategic plan will provide strategic guidance, mechanisms and tools needed to advance and sustained development and implementation of the IGIF. The operationalization of the strategic plan requires adequate resourcing, international cooperation and coordination specifically with the UN-GGIM regional committees, thematic groups, United Nations commissions and other relevant entities. At this juncture, we are looking forward to the endorsement of the strategic plan of the HLG-IGIF in order to pursue the next steps including the finalization of the IGIF Implementation Guide, refinement of the Overarching Strategic Framework and the implementation of the prioritized strategic goals. At this eleventh session, we kindly ask the Committee of Experts to endorse the strategic plan and provide strategic guidance and views. The HLG-IGIF also requests the Committee of Experts to support the work of the HLG-IGIF by facilitating the mobilization of necessary resources.

Thank you!

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