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Strengthening geospatial information management
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Sweden

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Oral statement from Sweden

[Sweden recognises the considerable strategic and operational actions taken by the Expanded Bureau and the Secretariat to implement the Ecosoc Resolution 2016/27 entitled "Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management"].

Sweden would like to stress that it is of utmost importance to ensure that UN-GGIM continues to deliver according to the ECOSOC adopted resolution and that we establish an even stronger sustainability of the work of UN-GGIM based on active Member States. The coming year will be very important for the future of UN-GGIM with the reporting about our strategic plans, our intentions and needs for the coming years. To be successful in our endeavours we, the member states, must act strategically and constructive. Sweden, therefore, would like to take this opportunity to encourage all member states to be more actively involved. As an example, we have decided to be more engaged in the work of UN-GGIM and especially in relation to IGIF and the reporting to ECOSOC. Specific resources have therefore been dedicated to support this.

Furthermore, in order to both raise the awareness of the importance of geospatial information and the work we do in UN-GGIM and to create a stronger interest in our endeavours in this group we have engaged the Swedish Permanent Mission to UN to ensure that they are aware of UN-GGIM and how they can support our progress. We encourage all member states to do similarly and contact your respective permanent missions to explain the importance and relevance of UN-GGIM and especially the importance of geospatial information for the development towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you

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