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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

<i>Oral Statement provided by:</i> Regional Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa)	
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>1. The Africa region takes note of the report and commends the work done by the Secretariat to improve and strengthen national geospatial information capacity-building, particularly in developing countries. The Africa region endorses the report while calling for more concerted discussions between the Secretariat and the Regional Committees in taking strategic and practical action in the steering and coordination of the global geospatial information management, particularly the related interlinkages with Member States.</p>	
<p>2. UN-GGIM: Africa supports the establishment of an ad-hoc task team to prepare and consult on the report to ECOSOC and agrees with the proposal for the Bureau to finalize and submit the report to ECOSOC in February 2022, in close consultation with Expanded Bureau.</p>	
<p>3. UN-GGIM: Africa remains committed to coordinate with its Member States to initiate a dialogue with their Foreign Affairs and Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New to alert and sensitize them to the preparations and nature of the report to the Economic and Social Council in 2022.</p>	
<p>4. UN-GGIM: Africa would like to stress the contribution of the regional committees and thematic groups in fostering the implementation of the UN-GGIM process globally, but more importantly at regional and national level. Within the framework of freely agreed upon, and mutually beneficial co-operation, the duties and obligations as well as prerogatives and rights of the various parties should be taken into consideration in a transparent way, preferably with more consultation between the Secretariat and the Bureaus of the Regional Committees, to ensure that we don't undermine the role and responsibilities of the Regional Committees.</p>	
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