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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

Statement provided by:

UN-GGIM: Europe and Slovenia

Oral Statement from UN-GGIM: Europe

- UN-GGIM: Europe welcoming the actions undertaken for strengthening geospatial information management, particularly the preparations for the Committee's report to ECOSOC.
- We agree with the establishment of an ad-hoc task team to prepare and consult on drafting the report. The suggested structure will articulate a robust and comprehensive narrative for a strong and sustainable UN-GGIM; we (European Regional Committee) offer our support for finalising a submission to ECOSOC by February 2022.
- The Draft Briefing Note excellently explains the key points to be considered ahead of the reporting process. UN-GGIM: Europe strongly urges experts in Member States to initiate a dialogue with their Foreign Affairs and Permanent Missions to alert and brief them in advance of the ECOSOC session. Individual action by Member States is critical continuing Committee of Experts' work.

Oral statement from Slovenia

- On behalf of Slovenian delegation, I would also express satisfaction with the work done in the past year, regarding strategic and practical actions to strengthen geospatial information management. I would like to thank all the experts involved from the Member States and the representatives of the Secretariat for all the work done;
- Slovenia welcomes the Draft Briefing Note titled 'Strengthening Institutional Arrangements on Geospatial Information Management', considering it as an excellent document explaining the key points that need to be understood and considered in the preparation of the Committee's report to ECOSOC next year
- Slovenia is happy and willing to support the ad-hoc task team in process of preparation of a draft report to the Economic and Social Council.

Submitted on:

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