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Statement:

The UNGGIM-Arab States thanks the High-Level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for its work since its inception. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute through our representatives Algeria and the Kingdom of Jordan.

The UN-GGIM Arab States welcomes the progress report and the Strategic Plan. Our community has always faced a challenge in communicating effectively and therefore we recommend that the High-Level Group prioritizes work on communications with non-geospatial global institutions. Similarly, we recommend that the Group works with regional committees to promote geospatial information and the IGIF with regional institutions and funders.

The UN GGIM Arab States already actively supports the Strategic Plan and goals, for example by encouraging member states to adopt IGIF when building national geospatial strategies and considering how member countries can operationalize it. We recognize the need for the IGIF to be translated and express our gratitude to the Kingdom of Morocco, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for their contribution in translating the Implementation Guide into Arabic.

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