

# Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

## Eleventh session

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### Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

***Statement provided by:***

UN-GGIM: Europe and Germany

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Oral Statement from UN-GGIM: Europe

- While noting all reported activities, UN-GGIM: Europe particularly thanks the Subcommittee on Geodesy for the broad global consultation on the two Position Papers that are being tabled today. UN-GGIM: Europe expresses the view that both papers should be adopted by the Committee of Experts.
- We are appreciative of the Global Geodesy Forum - ‘The Power of Where: The Value of Geodesy to Society’ hosted on Earth Day. This was a powerful global message raising awareness and understanding of the GGRF as a vital global geospatial infrastructure.
- We highlight the Centre of Excellence’s federated approach, and encourage contributions and collaboration between Member States, international organisations, industry and other stakeholders to ensure the Centre’s success.

Oral Statement from Germany

- Providing the basis for Earth observation and positioning is a global challenge and is of key importance to shape a resilient future to prevent ever more frequently occurring natural disasters.
- Decision makers need high-accuracy positioning and ‘location’ data to help implement the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda.
- GERMANY is grateful to have the opportunity to establish the GGCE in Bonn, which will be a lighthouse at the UN-GGIM horizon, providing guidance and coordination through the next years for – and together with – all Member States.
- I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your previous and future support. I am looking forward to establishing the GGCE this year.

Submitted on:

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