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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

Statement provided by:

Kingdom of Belgium

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The Kingdom of Belgium welcomes the report of the Secretariat on strengthening geospatial information management noting with interest the various actions that have been carried out in the past intersessional period. The Kingdom of Belgium would like to express its gratitude towards both Sweden and the Netherlands in regards to the capacity they have made available in order to make substantial progress in this area.

The Kingdom of Belgium is favourable towards the proposition of the creation of an ad-hoc task team, comprising the Bureau and some of the friends of the co-Chairs of UN-GGIM, together with any volunteered staff and expert resources, to prepare and consult on the draft report to ECOSOC.

As proposed in the report, the Kingdom of Belgium urges geospatial information management experts in Member States to initiate a dialogue with their Foreign Affairs and Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York. This action is vital in regards to the future of the Committee of experts and the work it needs to carry out.

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