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Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

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Statement:

The UN-GGIM-AP thanks the Subcommittee on Geodesy for the time and effort put into the Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame and Concept Paper on Establishing a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence.

In the Asia Pacific region, an accurate and accessible Global Geodetic Reference Frame underpins the ability of our Member Countries to develop and maintain their own datums, which are the foundation for effective land administration, and the integration of geospatial information to solve economic, social and environmental challenges.

UN-GGIM-AP appreciates the Subcommittee on Geodesy for undertaking broad consultation throughout the Asia-Pacific region, including a Regional Geodesy Forum in May 2021, to ensure the proposed plan to improve the accuracy of, and access to, the Global Geodetic Reference Frame considered the diverse needs of people from the Asia-Pacific region.

The UN-GGIM-AP strongly encourages Member States to endorse the Subcommittee's Position Paper and Concept Paper. The UN-GGIM-AP agrees that a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence will greatly assist in enhancing global cooperation and coordination; support education, training and capacity building; and improve awareness about the importance of strong geospatial foundations. The UN-GGIM-AP would welcome the opportunity to assist the Subcommittee on Geodesy in helping it achieve the objectives outlined in the Position Paper and Concept Paper.

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