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### **Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community (for discussion and decision)**

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Colombia highlights continuing efforts of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), the Technical Committee 211 of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO/TC 211 and the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO), in working with the global geospatial information community to further implement and adopt standards to achieve the urgent needs of the 2030 Agenda, in critical areas such as climate change, disaster response and health.

Additionally, Colombia emphasizes on the work evidenced in the third edition of the Standards Guide to the Role of Standards in Geospatial Information Management included as a background document, as it clearly denotes its alignment with IGIF's Strategic Pathway 6. Standards reflect consensus by different actors which would allow further interoperability, data sharing, and flexibility for more and better data in which we all speak the same language by achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Colombia further supports the transition of the Guide to a web-based online presence to broaden standard-based solutions, to be open not only to members of the OGC, ISO and IHO, but also to other national and international actors, which would allow to advance on the principles of Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (F.A.I.R.) data, for more quality and granular data for monitoring and achieving global agendas, by promoting collaboration and reducing costs in a constantly evolving technologies and environment.

Finally, Colombia welcomes the inclusion of Member States and other actors in the developing of processes and meetings of the OGC, ISO/TC 211, and IHO. Moreover we manifest our interest in contributing, with our insights and expertise, to review the standards as they are developed, finalized and approved.

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