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Colombia notes the continuous efforts of the Expert Group in strengthening the promotion, awareness-raising and implementation efforts of the GSGF at various fora, as well as the efforts made to provide practical guidance in implementing the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and the development of the Global survey.

We welcome the GSGF Implementation Guide as an instrument to identify methodologies, techniques and approaches to implement the GSGF. We will follow the recommendations in the subjects related to geocoding and the interrelation with the Global Fundamental Geospatial data themes, the implementation of common geographies, the four dimensions of interoperability defined by the GSGF and the suggestions to address privacy and confidentiality issues. We would further promote the inclusion of real case studies on how different countries have implemented them, as this would provide inputs to other Member States to adapt it, understanding previous considerations where we argued that “no one size fits all”.

Moreover, we stress that GSGF operationalization has provided high-quality, timely, and reliable geospatially enabled statistical information. Its implementation has supported our national response to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide harmonized and standardized geospatial information for the vulnerability index geovisor, the production of experimental statistics and the calculation of SDG indicators .

Colombia as Coordinator of the Working group on the integration of statistical and Geospatial information (IEEG) of UN-GGIM Americas, will continue to carry out efforts to strengthen geospatial information in the production and dissemination of statistical information through the MEGA and will expand the access and use of integrated information developing a preliminary proposal of thematic and indicators for version 2.0 of the MEGA.

Finally, on the guidance of future work, we consider that it could be focused on finalizing the GSGF Implementation Guide as well as developing a work plan with activities that reflect the results of the Global Survey,. Additionally, providing inputs on the integration of the GSGF and the IGIF, by working on the standardization of concepts and the interoperability of information systems, would be beneficial to the process.

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