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Colombia expresses appreciation for the outstanding work made by the Bureau, the Secretariat and the friends of the co-Chairs of UN-GGIM considering the Draft Briefing Note and the ECOSOC report's structure proposed based on the Resolution 2016/27. Colombia renews its commitment in advancing in the implementation of the Resolution, as well as on collaborating and contributing to strengthening capacity-building in the area of geospatial information management, especially in developing countries; and the importance of providing quality data and digital technologies from an integrated and inclusive approach.

In line with this, we acknowledge the role of Member States and relevant stakeholders to actively participate in the drafting of the report and to reinforce the interlinkages among the global geospatial information community, particularly in relation to the Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre and the Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre.

Colombia recognizes the intention of the Committee to analyze the options for extra-budgetary resources to be made available via several funding options and mechanisms to allow UN-GGIM to address future opportunities, challenges and global contributions properly and efficiently.

Colombia welcomes the Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) to be held in India. We encourage the Committee and its Member States to renew the commitment to enhancing the communication, understanding, knowledge and application of geospatial information management for the betterment of global development and to leave no one behind.

Colombia underlines the importance of the value proposition of UN-GGIM in the current worldwide situation. We emphasize the necessity of effectively addressing how geospatial management information is essential for sustainable development challenges, COVID-19 pandemic economic recovery and cooperation with the most vulnerable countries. Indeed, we recall the key role of global geospatial information management in the accomplishment of building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.

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