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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/11th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the progress of the Expert Group in its efforts to implement the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and its broader efforts to strengthen the integration of statistical and geospatial information in support of the 2020 round of population and housing censuses and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Summary of the report

At its tenth session, held virtually on 26 and 27 August and 4 September 2020, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 10/106, in which it noted the continued efforts of the Expert Group to support statistical and geospatial integration to realize national priorities and global development agendas, welcomed the many instances in which the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework had been implemented in Member States and suggested that the Expert Group collect national experiences relating to the integration of statistical and geospatial information to further guide Member States in the implementation and operationalization of the Framework. The Committee requested the Expert Group to continue the development of key statistical standards and processes that would strengthen the integration of statistical and geospatial information, to provide practical guidance on the production and use of integrated geospatial information, and to develop the interlinkages between the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework to further support the implementation and operationalization of both Frameworks, including through the regional commissions and the United Nations

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Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees. Furthermore, the Committee urged Member States to continue efforts towards the adoption and implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and to support institutional coordination and collaboration between national statistical offices, national geospatial information agencies and other relevant stakeholders to support the ongoing implementation of the Framework, especially in the context of the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

In the report, the Expert Group includes information on its recent activities, including the development and consolidation of practical guidance to assist Member States in implementing the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework; the initial results of its global survey to diagnose readiness at the country level for implementing the Framework; a discussion of the ways in which the Expert Group has adapted its working modalities to overcome the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic; and details of its overall progress on operationalizing the Framework to support the 2020 round of population censuses and the 2030 Agenda. The report is accompanied by background documents, including a working draft of a consolidated guidance document for the Framework that includes practical guidance for Member States on implementing the Framework and details of the national experiences of countries in its implementation, and a document in which the initial outcomes and findings of the global survey are discussed.
