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Geospatial information and services for disasters (for discussion and decision)

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Germany

Statement:

GERMANY welcomes the presented report of the working group on geospatial information and services for disaster and appreciates the continued efforts of the working group to promote the importance for geospatial data in disaster risk management, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

GERMANY welcomes the enhanced engagement of the working group with other international organizations, such as GEO and CEOS and the working groups contribution to the UNDRR's Global Assessment Report 2022. We appreciate the collaboration among these organizations in order to avoid duplication of efforts and to create synergies between the organizations undertaking disaster risk management activities.

GERMANY encourages the development of a global DRR inventory and appreciates the upcoming survey. However, we invite the working group to include existing datasets and platforms and look into linkages with the current developments of the GEO DRR Working Group (EO Risk Toolkit) in an effort to create synergies and cooperation.

GERMANY acknowledges the updated work plan of the working group on geospatial information and services for disaster.

GERMANY acknowledges the results of the survey on the implementation of the strategic frameworks and notes that the differences between countries and regions needs to be addressed and further capacity building/outreach efforts might be useful to enhance the implementation of the strategic framework.

GERMANY welcomes the working group's support of a statistical framework on disaster-related statistics. We especially appreciate the establishment of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Disaster Related Statistics (IAEG – DRS) in cooperation with the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). We encourage the IAEG-DRS to focus on existing reporting mechanisms and frameworks, such as the reporting systems of the Sendia Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you.

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