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<p><i>Statement provided by:</i> GERMANY</p>	
<p><i>Statement:</i></p> <p>GERMANY appreciates the report provided by the Expert Group and acknowledges the developed background documents.</p> <p>GERMANY welcomes the “Draft GFIS Implementation Guide”. Key to implementation of the GSGF in Member States is a common and full understanding by both communities of opportunities and requirements by the integration of statistical and geospatial information. The document aims in the right direction when further developed.</p> <p>“The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework: National and Regional Case Studies” : The German Federal Statistical Office (Destatis) together with the Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG) contributed with the joint analysis and evaluation of the national situation. A full report will be provided to the Expert Group and Member States.</p> <p>GERMANY considers the initial findings of the results of the global survey to diagnose the readiness at the country level for the implementation of the GSGF as very relevant. The feedback includes the strongest needs of the member states and can guide the future work of the expert group.</p> <p>GERMANY welcomes the initiative of the expert group to improve global and regional coordination by conducting regular meetings of the expert group together with regional focal points, which include representatives from each of UN-GGIM’s regional committees, but also relevant regional stakeholders, including UN regional commissions. These meetings raise the awareness of one region to the work of another, and offer a strong platform to promote a region’s work. Implementation materials as key guidance for countries to support their work towards the operationalization and implementation of the Global Statistical and Geospatial Framework (GSGF) only need to be developed once and may be used in all regions.</p> <p>GERMANY encourages the Member States to increase the contribution to the work of the Expert Group, particularly from the geospatial agencies, in order to support and achieve a well-balanced and cross-sectoral cooperation.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Federal Statistical Office (Destatis), Germany Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG), Germany</p>	
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