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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

Statement provided by:

Government of India

Statement:

Dear Chairman,

India appreciates the efforts of the expanded Bureau and Secretariat in continuing to take practical and strategic actions to strengthen the geospatial information management and pertinent interlinkages of the member states. India would continue to contribute and actively take part in the working groups in this process.

India also endorses to point that continued efforts are to be made to improve and strengthen national geospatial information capacity-building activities in developing countries and also the extra budgetary resources are to be made available through several funding options and mechanisms and to scale up efforts in that regard in order to avoid widening the geospatial digital divide.

India also thanks United Nations for giving it an opportunity to conduct Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) in the year 2022, with the tentative theme 'Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No One Should be Left Behind', as a part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the National independence.

India also acknowledges the efforts of the Government of Netherlands and Sweden for the tangible contributions by the seconding the virtual staff members to the work programme of the committee.

India supports the idea of establishment of an ad-hoc task team to prepare and consult on the draft report to ECOSOC, and submit the report to ECOSOC by early 2022.

Thank you,

Submitted on:

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