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Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Norway	
<i>Statement:</i> Norway welcomes the report of the Subcommittee on Geodesy and commends the Subcommittee on its work and considerable efforts to advance the critical understanding and importance of the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF) as a vital global infrastructure. Norway supports the endorsement of the Position Paper on Sustaining the GGRF and the Concept Paper on the Establishment of the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence. Norway notes with appreciation the thorough consultation process on the Position Paper and the Concept Paper, culminated by a successful high level Global Geodesy Forum on Earth Day, followed by targeted regional forums, and the establishment of a Global Geodesy Ambassador, and the acceptance of this role by His Excellency Ambassador Peter Thomson. Norway recommends the Subcommittee to actively invite resources from Member States and organizations to participate in its working groups to ensure the right competency, appropriate regional distribution, and a balance between developed and developing countries. Norway recommends more Member States to enter negotiations with the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence once it is established to discuss possible areas of cooperation.	
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