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Jamaica welcomes and takes note of the report prepared by the Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters and commends the significant body of work achieved during the period. Of particular note, are the continued efforts of the Working Group to facilitate the implementation of the Strategic Framework through the 2020 globally administered Strategic Framework Assessment survey. Congratulations are extended for the Background Paper produced entitled “Assessment 2020 Results - Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information & Services for Disasters,” that will guide the implementation process.

Jamaica congratulates the Working Group on the significant collaboration initiatives pursued with the UN-GGIM: Americas and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) CARIGEO project, Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS), the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States of America (NASA) to advance the utilization of geospatial information and services across all phases of DRM, as timely, relevant and needed pursuits.

Jamaica wishes to indicate our endorsement of the Working Group’s Work Plan 2020-2023, as we encourage its successful execution in collaboration with fellow members. Additionally, Jamaica looks forward to supporting the global administration of the DRR inventory surveys towards the development of inventory hubs on the Working Group’s UN-GGIM webpage.

Jamaica continues our extensive use of geospatial information and services in our national response to COVID-19 and to support planning and response efforts for various natural hazards. Given the evidenced benefits, fellow Member States are encouraged to pursue a similar approach towards reaping similar and more benefits.

Jamaica remains committed to continued Co-Chair leadership of the Working Group with Japan, as we encourage greater awareness, collaborations and increased use of geospatial information and services for disasters among all member states and UN Bodies.

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