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Sweden would like to express its congratulations to all the regional entities and thematic groups for their work since the tenth UN-GGIM meeting. We would also like to congratulate all the works in the specific areas mentioned in the report. It truly shows how broad and how significant the work is within UN-GGIM. A key challenge to ensure the success of UN-GGIM is to have active and relevant regional entities and thematic groups. Key results from our regional, functional and thematic groups should be implemented in the member countries and to facilitate the process we do need to have strong and active regional entities.   We are fortune in Europe to have such an entity, where we have been able to combine spatial information and statistics. Sweden would like to ensure the meeting that we will continue to support this development and encourage other member countries to do the same in their respective regional entity.   Geospatial information is extremely vital for most sections of the UN and sharing our information, knowledge, insights, and also how geospatial information can be used is crucial. Equally important is it for UN-GGIM to understand how geospatial information is used by other disciplines. Therefore, the *UN Geospatial Network* is important for all of us. Sweden recognizes the important work done by the UN Geospatial Network since last meeting in identifying key roles and their responsibilities, expected results and more. Sweden do support that the UN-GGIM secretariate should continue to be strong and that could also include more resources. This is something that should be discuss and described further in depth with the reporting to ECOSOC in 2022.

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