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### Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

***Statement provided by:***

Sweden

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Sweden notes the report presented by the Subcommittee on Geodesy and supports its progress. Sweden acknowledges the work carried out by the Subcommittee during the intersessional period. We appreciate the focus in addressing appropriate governance arrangements and considerations of the long-term sustainability and quality of the global geodetic reference frame. Sweden believes that the current working groups within the Subcommittee are doing significant progress but at the same time encourage the Subcommittee on Geodesy to review its Terms of Reference as well as the Roadmap for the Global Geodetic Reference Frame for Sustainable Development to ensure an even more efficient and relevant Subcommittee on Geodesy. The Subcommittee has been very successful since the start, but it is now an appropriate time to update the Terms of Reference, the structure and working groups as well as members to the Subcommittee. There is a need to have active member states involved. We especially encourage active participation from developing countries in the Subcommittee on Geodesy and its working groups. We also encourage the regional entities to review which member states that represents them in the Subcommittee to ensure active and relevant members.

Sweden notes that the Subcommittee has made a lot of progress since the last meeting. We welcome the global consultation on the *Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame* and *Concept Paper on Establishing a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence* and endorse both papers.

We also support the continues work that has been done regarding installing the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence on the UN premises in Bonn, Germany.

Likewise, we acknowledge the difficult work in developing the appropriate governance of the Subcommittee as well as the implementation plan of the UN resolution. Sweden takes special note of the proposal from Germany to host the first Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence and Sweden fully supports this proposal.

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