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

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Austria notes and welcomes the report from the Subcommittee on Geodesy outlining its efforts and progress during the intersessional period. We acknowledge the activities in all areas of work: governance; geodetic infrastructure; policies, standards and conventions; education, training and capacity building; communications and outreach.

Austria thanks the Subcommittee on Geodesy for the ‘Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame’ as well as the ‘Concept Paper on the Establishment of the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence’. We favorably note the contribution of these activities to the sustainability of the GGRF.

We like to highlight the importance of binding contracts between participating data- and analysing centers, coordinating institutions and their sub-organisations for the sustainability of the GGRF. For our understanding these binding agreements can be facilitated by the “UN-GGIM Subcommittee on Geodesy” and the “Global Geodetic Center of Excellence” (GGCE) as a legal entity of the United Nations.

Austria supports both position papers for adoption by the Committee of Experts.

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