

## **Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management**

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

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Ireland notes and welcomes the report from the Subcommittee on Geodesy outlining its activities, efforts and progress during the intersessional period in all five strands of its works.

We welcome the broad global consultation on the two Position Papers that the Subcommittee engaged in over the past twelve months – the Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame, and the Concept Paper on Establishing a Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence - and support their adoption by the Committee of Experts.

Ireland expresses its thanks to Germany for offering to establish and host the first Geodetic Centre of Excellence in Bonn and to Norway for its virtual secondment.

We further acknowledge that these activities also help raise the awareness and increase the critical understanding and importance of the GGRF as a vital infrastructure for the global geospatial community.

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