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Global geodetic reference frame (for discussion and decision)

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Statement:

Jamaica takes note of the present report as well as the work done by the Subcommittee on Geodesy during the inter-sessional period which includes efforts to promote the understanding and importance of the global geodetic reference frame (GGRF) as a vital infrastructure for the global geospatial community.

The GGRF underpins all geospatial information. It is a platform for evidence-based socio-economic policies which is fundamental for sustainable development. Jamaica as a small island developing state (SIDS) strongly encourages the development of the GGRF as with the increasing impact of natural disasters, climate change, and sea-level rise, understanding our planet is ever more so important.

Jamaica takes note of the Position Paper on Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame and supports the adoption of the work packages. Jamaica takes note of the Concept Paper on the Establishment of the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence and strongly supports its realization.

Jamaica encourages Member States to actively contribute via the Working Groups within the Subcommittee of Geodesy, as well as the regional factions, as this is key to the development of the GGRF. The comprehensive understanding and awareness of the importance of geodesy is fundamental in fostering support from stakeholders.

Jamaica endorses the Subcommittee's intention to convene its third plenary meeting in 2022 subject to the recovery from the global pandemic-COVID19.

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