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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Ireland, Head of Delegation Colin Bray, Chief Executive Officer at Ordnance Survey Ireland	
<i>Statement:</i> Ireland welcomes the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information outlining the Expert Group’s work and progress during the intersessional period. We note with appreciation the progress against its work plan 2020 – 2022, noting in particular the promotional activities in the various UN-GGIM Regions, and the translations of the GSGF to Chinese, French and Spanish. Ireland was happy to support the dissemination of the “Global survey to diagnose readiness at the country level for implementing the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework” and provided a coordinated national response. Ireland encourages the Member States to increase the contribution to the work of the Expert Group, particularly from the geospatial agencies, in order to support and achieve a well-balanced and cross-sectoral perspective. Ireland firmly believes that Covid-19 has highlighted the importance of geospatial information; the need to coordinate national responses to the pandemic has brought to the fore the value of integrating statistical and geospatial with other relevant information. This global health crisis stresses the need for countries to leverage to the maximum the benefits from high-quality and reliable data.	
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