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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

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Sweden

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Sweden takes note of the report of the Secretariat to the eleventh session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) and recognises the considerable strategic and operational actions taken by the Expanded Bureau and the Secretariat to implement the Ecosoc Resolution 2016/27 entitled "Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management".

Sweden takes note of the efforts to improve and strengthen national geospatial information capacity-building in developing countries.

Sweden would like to stress that it is of utmost importance to ensure that UN-GGIM continues to deliver according to the ECOSOC adopted resolution 2016/27 and that we establish an even stronger sustainability of the work of UN-GGIM based on active Member states. The coming year will be very important for the future of UN-GGIM as UN-GGIM will report to ECOSOC about our strategic plans, our intentions, and the needs for the coming years. To be successful in our endeavours we, the member states, must act strategically and constructive. Sweden, therefore, would like to take this opportunity to encourage all member states to be more involved contribute more actively. As an example, we would like to mention as the work of UN-GGIM is very important to Sweden and we have decided to engage more deeply in the work of UN-GGIM and especially in relation to IGIF and the reporting to ECOSOC. Specific resources have therefore been dedicated to support the progress of UN-GGIM.

Furthermore, in order to both raise the awareness of the importance of geospatial information and the work we do in UNGGIM and to create a stronger interest in our endeavours in this group we have engaged the Swedish Permanent Mission to UN to ensure that they are aware of the work and what UN-GGIM is focusing on and also make them aware of how they can support our progress. We encourage all member states to similarly and contact your respective permanent missions to explain the importance and relevance of UN-GGIM and especially the importance of geospatial information for the development towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Sweden would like to express our commitment and interest in continuing to support the process and work of UN-GGIM and the reporting to ECOSOC.

Furthermore, Sweden note the information about the Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC), planned to be held during the week of 10-14 October 2022, at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre in Hyderabad, India, and hosted by the Government of India through its Ministry of Science and Technology and look forward supporting in the preparations.

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