

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

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**Strengthening of geospatial information management
(for discussion and decision)**

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Statement:

The United Kingdom welcomes the report, and express our thanks to the Expanded Bureau, Secretariat and other Member States who have continued to promote, champion, and strengthen global geospatial information management through a challenging period since the Committee of Experts last met.

We continue to value and applaud the achievements of UN-GGIM over the last ten years and recognise the ever-increasing importance of this forum whose multiple workstreams are having demonstrably positive impacts on both the global landscape and through national development programmes.

It is vital that these achievements are recognised and that UN-GGIM is sustainably resourced going forward. The UK supports the establishment of an ad-hoc task team to lead preparations for the forthcoming ECOSOC review, we agree with the proposed timeline, and we will continue to support this initiative where we can. We have an active dialogue with our Permanent Mission to the UN in New York and will continue to inform them and seek their support as the options become clearer.

Finally, the UK appreciates the work that has taken place over the last year to progress both the UN's Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre and the Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence, in China and Germany respectively, and welcomes the announcement that the Second World Geospatial Information Congress will be convened in India during October 2022. We look forward to the continued progress of all three key items.

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