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The Philippines commends the expanded Bureau and the Secretariat on their efforts to take strategic and practical actions to strengthen geospatial information management, particularly its efforts to improve the national geospatial information capacity-building in developing countries as underscored in the report.

The Philippines takes note of the convening of the Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC), planned on 10-14 October 2022 in Hyderabad, India. The Philippines also expresses its appreciation to the Government of India for hosting the event.

The suggested timeline to report back to the ECOSOC on the implementation of resolution 2016/27 seems reasonable. The Philippines also welcomes the establishment of an ad-hoc task team to prepare and consult on the draft report to ECOSOC and entrust the Bureau and the friends of the Co-Chairs to finalize and submit the report to ECOSOC in February 2022. It is vital that MS liaise with their Foreign Affairs and Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York on the preparations and nature of the report to the ECOSOC.

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