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Strengthening of geospatial information management (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> South Africa	
<i>Statement:</i> South Africa welcomes the report on strengthening geospatial information management. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Acknowledge and appreciates initiatives aimed at improving and strengthening national geospatial information management for Member States.2. Appreciate the substantial progress by the United Nations and the Government of China on establishing the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre in Deqing, China, to build, develop and expand global geospatial capacity, competence and capability, especially in developing countries.3. As part of reporting to the Economic and Social Council, South Africa concede that the Committee of Expert has without fail demonstrated that it is effective, productive and relevant intergovernmental mechanism that successfully promotes international cooperation on global geospatial information management.4. South Africa commit to initiate a dialogue with the Department of International Relations and the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York to alert and sensitize them to the preparations and nature of the report to the Economic and Social Council in 2022. Importantly, highlight the key role played by the Committee of Experts in promoting the value of geospatial information as a key asset to evidence-based planning and decision making.	
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