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 UN-GGIM: Europe notes the report prepared jointly by the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), Technical Committee 211 of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO/TC 211) and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). 	
• The Regional Committee notes with interest the overview of the work of the three SDOs on the use of geospatial standards in supporting the measurement and monitoring of the SDGs and particularly the role of standards in advancing data access and sharing to assist in the ongoing response to the global Covid-19 pandemic.	
• UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the draft Third Edition of the Standards Guide, and notes the request for contributions documenting geospatial standards implementations and user stories to feature in the Standards Guide and its annexes. The Regional Committee therefore encourages Member States, Regional Committees and relevant international organisations to provide feedback and contributions to support the Standards Guide ensuring it remains a living and relevant resource aligned with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.	
 The Regional Committee also encourages Member States to participate through active membership in the SDOs to be part of the development process of international geospatial standards. 	
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