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Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Regional Committee of UN-GGIM: Europe	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UN-GGIM: Europe notes and welcomes the report of High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, prepared with the assistance of the Secretariat, outlining the activities and progress of the HLG-IGIF.• The Regional Committee positively notes the Strategic Plan of the HLG-IGIF, commending the timely manner of its development considering that the HLG was only established earlier this year. UN-GGIM: Europe appreciates the ambition of the High-level Group to ensure that appropriate plans are formulated for assisting all Member States, independent of their maturity in geospatial information management. The Regional Committee believes that the six strategic goals defined in the plan: Improve communication; Promote data governance, availability, and accessibility; Strengthen capacity development; Mobilize sustainable funding; Encourage collaboration, exchange and sharing; and Oversee improvement and review; provide a strong guiding structure that enables the implementation and sustainability of the IGIF at the national level and that it is applicable for all countries. In particular noting the importance of communication, promotion and knowledge sharing of experiences related to the implementation of IGIF.• UN-GGIM: Europe notes and shares the concern voiced in the report of inadequate resources for the IGIF, including for resourcing the completion of the Implementation Guide and Strategic Pathways.• While encouraging Member States and international organisations to support the IGIF, UN-GGIM: Europe commends how the IGIF is being interlinked with various regional and global frameworks. Such linkages maximise resources and benefits, avoiding duplication of efforts or competition of overlapping programmes, and as such should be encouraged and fostered. In particular the Regional Committee suggests that a powerful move would be to embed the IGIF in existing UN frameworks for which there is already high political awareness and funding available, such as the SDGs and the IPCC.• UN-GGIM: Europe welcomes the intention of the HLG-IGIF to anchor its Plan of Work with the regional bodies of UN-GGIM in order to contribute, combine and coordinate the work in the most effective and efficient way. To this effect a session dedicated to the IGIF is being planned for the next Europe Regional Plenary Meeting in October, which will be held virtually.	
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