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Thank you Chair.

Distinguished delegates, observers, colleagues, and friends,

We are pleased to present the report of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) for your consideration.

Over the past year, the High-level Group has invested its time advancing the IGIF. The activities of the group, described in detail in the report, cover a variety of topics ranging from finalizing a Plan of Work, establishing working groups, and hosting side events, webinars, and in-person meetings to improve communication, enhance capacity development, and mobilize sustainable funding.

Of highest priority to the High-level Group, its working groups, and the Secretariat is the refinement, finalization, translation, and digital publication of the IGIF's suite of documents, including the Overarching Strategic Framework, the Implementation Guide, Country-Level Action Plans, and tools and resource materials.

The High-level Group recognizes the important role that the UN-GGIM regional committees, thematic networks, and other relevant entities have in advancing the IGIF and are actively engaging with these groups. The implementation of the Plan of Work requires continued resourcing, international cooperation, and coordination amongst these entities.

The High-level Group also recognizes the efforts of the SDG Data Alliance to mobilize the necessary resources to assist developing countries in accelerating achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through this work, the SDG Data Alliance is advancing individual IGIF Country-level Action Plans for countries throughout Africa, Asia, and Latin-America.

At this twelfth session, we kindly ask the Committee of Experts to provide strategic guidance and views on the path forward to advance the IGIF at the country level. We also request that the Committee of Experts supports the work of the High-level Group, by facilitating the mobilization of necessary resources, and providing guidance on expanded participation and engagement in the IGIF working groups.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to introduce the report of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.

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