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**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

**Agenda Item 10**

**Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information**

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Good morning Distinguished Delegates and Colleagues,

The Committee of Experts has before it the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (E/CN.20/2022/12/Add.1).

It is my pleasure to introduce this item on behalf of the Expert Group, which informs the Committee of Experts on the significant progress we have made in the intersessional period.

At its 11th session, the Committee of Experts urged Member States to continue to implement and operationalise the GSGF as a tool for attaining geospatially-enabled statistical data for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2020 round of population census.

It further recognised that addressing the many data integration challenges presented by the global COVID-19 pandemic and other complex issues, such as climate change and disaster resilience, requires the implementation of the GSGF at the national and regional levels by its decision 11/107.

In the report provided to the Committee of Experts, the Expert Group details its progress made and for brevity, I draw your attention to two items of priority for consideration:

- Firstly, the endorsement of the GSGF Implementation Guide by the Statistical Commission, in its decision 53/127 as an excellent resource for supporting the implementation and operationalisation of the GSGF for the production and dissemination of geospatially enabled statistical data
- Secondly, examining the Expert Group's potential future role beyond the 2020 round of population and housing census and towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly the need for geospatially integrated statistics to new demands such as climate change statistics.

In summary, we encourage Member States to implement and operationalise the GSGF and participate in the Expert Group's work, especially with its new Work Plan 2022 – 2024.

In the coming intersessional period, the Expert Group will continue its work to strengthen the coordination and coherence of activities in the area of the integration of statistical and geospatial information.

With these introductory remarks, I submit the report and thank you.

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