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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

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Distinguished Delegates, Representatives, Observers and Colleagues,

The Working Group on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters (WG-Disasters) is very pleased to present our 12th Session report for the kind consideration of the Committee of Experts.

Over the past year, the WG-Disasters continued our efforts to achieve the activities outlined in our three-year work plan (2020 – 2023). Our four task groups are the driving force in executing these activities. Of particular importance are our partnerships and collaborations forged and resultant activities with other Disaster Risk Reduction and Management bodies.

Two major achievements of the Working Group include:

1. The virtual “Geospatial Capacity Development Conference on GNSS Applications and DRR”, jointly hosted with the UN-GGIM-AP and Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) in January 2022, with the aim of contributing to the SDGs through capacity development. Over 400 participants attended.
2. The development and global administering of two DRR inventory surveys with the support of key Working Group members, partners and stakeholder DRR organizations, towards the establishment of the “UN-GGIM Global DRR Organization, Geospatial Information and Services inventory hub”, which was officially launched during our side event held on August 1, 2022.

The Working Group extends sincere gratitude for the 113 contributions received and encourages the UN-GGIM community, UN System, DRR-related organizations, etc. to utilize the information available via the hub to aid their efforts in disaster risk management and to actively join in keeping it a living inventory by facilitating updates via the surveys when new information becomes available.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all Task Group leads, Working Group members, our partners and stakeholders for their continued invaluable support and contribution.

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