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Distinguished Delegates, Colleagues,

The Committee of Experts has before it the report jointly prepared by the Secretariat and the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) (E/CN.20/2022/11). It provides great pleasure for me to introduce this item on behalf of the Working Group.

As you will recall, at its eleventh session, the Committee of Experts welcomed the report of the Secretariat and the Working Group and welcomed and supported the vision and ambition of the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap, which recognises and accepts geospatial and location-based information as official data for the SDGs.

In its decision 53/101, the Statistical Commission adopted the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap for the SDGs and their global indicator framework. The adoption of the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap drew to a close an intense period of work that kicked off at the Working Group's sixth meeting, in Mexico City in early March 2020. At this twelfth session, we know that the need to communicate the potential of geospatial information is stronger than ever before, the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap is one such communication tool that we can now use. As such, the Committee of Experts is invited to endorse the Statistical Commission's decision 53/101 regarding the adoption of the SDGs Geospatial Roadmap.

In the coming intersessional period, the Working Group looks towards developing guidance for the IAEG-SDGs, including a guidance note on how to disaggregate SDG indicators by geographic location, following its new Work Plan 2022.

Finally, I wish to inform the Committee that following this session, Mexico will step down as co-Chair of the Working Group. Mexico has led the Working Group since 2016, we now look forward to continuing our contribution to the Working Group as a member.

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