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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/12th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the progress of the Expert Group in its efforts to implement the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and its broader efforts to strengthen the integration of statistical and geospatial information in support of the 2020 round of population and housing censuses and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Summary of the report

At its eleventh session, held virtually on 23, 24 and 27 August 2021, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 11/106, in which it noted the continued efforts of the Expert Group to support the integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information to realize national priorities and global development agendas, and urged Member States to continue to implement and operationalize the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework as a tool for attaining geospatially enabled statistical data for the 2030 Agenda and the 2020 round of population censuses.

The Committee of Experts recognized that addressing the many data integration challenges presented by the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and other complex issues, such as climate change and disaster resilience, required the implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework at the national and regional levels. In this regard, the Committee expressed its appreciation for the significant progress in the development of the Implementation Guide of the Global

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Statistical Geospatial Framework and welcomed the many use cases and good practices describing how the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework has been implemented and operationalized within national and regional contexts. The Committee suggested that the future workplan of the Expert Group address the gaps identified by the global survey to diagnose readiness at the country level for implementing the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and to develop the interlinkages between the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework and the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework. It also encouraged efforts to strengthen coordination with the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees, the regional commissions and other regional stakeholders.

In the report, the Expert Group includes information on its recent activities, including the endorsement of the Implementation Guide of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework by the Statistical Commission at its fifty-third session in March 2022; a discussion of the ways in which the Expert Group is taking practical action guided by its workplan for the period 2022–2024, including through the formation of task teams, and its plans for a seventh meeting of the Expert Group; and details its overall progress on operationalizing the Framework to support the 2020 round of population censuses and the 2030 Agenda.
