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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/13th-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 population and housing censuses and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Summary of the report

At its twelfth session, held in New York from 3 to 5 August 2022, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 12/108, in which it 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 for Sustainable Development and the 2020 round of population censuses, and 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, requires the full implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework at the national and regional levels. The Committee noted that the expert group had completed its workplan for the period 2020–2022 and welcomed the newly developed workplan for the period 2022–2024, and in that regard stressed the importance of leveraging the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for the statistical domain, to strengthen the interlinkages between that Framework and the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework to enhance the potentially transformative

* [E/C.20/2023/1](http://www.un.org/Depts/under20/).



role of geospatial information in the statistical production process. The Committee encouraged the group to examine the broader needs and demands that it might face in the future, identifying needs and common gaps, disseminating good practices and finding opportunities to share insights for building and sustaining a robust support framework, and to continue the development of guidance materials to assist Member States with their efforts in the implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework together with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.

In the report, the expert group provides information on its recent activities, including the outcomes of its seventh meeting, held at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, on 1 and 2 December 2022, and provides details of its future strategic direction as determined by the mandates provided to it by the Statistical Commission and the Committee, including how the group will redirect its attention towards geospatially integrated statistics to meet new demands such as statistics related to climate change, disaster and health (for example, on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)) by expanding on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for the statistical domain. In addition, the group examines how it can support the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions [2022/3](#) and [2022/24](#), and in particular how the group aims to respond to the growing demands for the integration of statistical and geospatial information within population and housing censuses and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
