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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 working group on geospatial information and services for disasters, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and express its views on the progress of the working group, including the implementation of the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters.

Summary of the report

At its twelfth session, held in New York from 3 to 5 August 2022, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 12/110, in which it acknowledged that the working group, through the implementation of its workplan for the period 2020–2023, sought to identify and provide solutions through geospatial data and services to assist in addressing cascading and systemic risk, fostering communication and awareness-raising, designing and preparing scenario-based exercises on different hazards, and providing a forum for dialogue, coordination and strengthening capacity-building. The Committee also noted the many exchanges and collaborative engagements with related disaster risk reduction bodies in advancing the workplan of the working group, strengthening national and regional capacities, raising awareness of disaster risk reduction and management using accurate and reliable geospatial data, tools and services and, importantly, ensuring coherence and avoidance of duplication of effort, therefore creating synergies among disaster risk reduction organizations.

In the report, the working group provides information on its progress and intersessional activities, including how it has raised awareness and assisted in the monitoring and implementation of the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters. The working group also discusses its progress on its workplan for the period 2020–2023 and options and recommendations for the working group's future.

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