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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 with the assistance of the expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts, on enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee (<https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/13th-session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on its own implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2022/24, entitled “Enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements” and, in this context, to examine the strengthening and enhancement of such arrangements by the Committee, as well as on the way in which the global geospatial information management community contributes to efforts by Member States to improve and strengthen their national geospatial information management arrangements.

Summary of the report

At its twelfth session, held in New York from 3 to 5 August 2022, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 12/101, in which it expressed its appreciation to the Bureau and Friends of the Co-Chairs of the Committee for the critical work carried out and significant efforts in leading the preparation and consultation, in an inclusive and transparent manner, of the comprehensive report of the Committee on enhancing global geospatial information management, as submitted to the Council in June 2022 (E/2022/68, annex).

The Committee of Experts welcomed the adoption of Economic and Social Council resolution 2022/24 on enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements, in which the Council acknowledged the important work, progress and achievements of the Committee in the area of global geospatial information

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management and its contribution to the strengthening of geospatial information management capacities and utilization in developing countries, and updated and modernized the terms of reference of the Committee in line with its established global architecture.

The Committee of Experts also welcomed the progress and advanced preparations being made by the Government of India towards convening the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress, with the theme “Geoenabling the global village: no one should be left behind”, in Hyderabad, India, from 10 to 14 October 2022, and encouraged the global geospatial information community to participate in the Congress and share experiences.

The Committee of Experts noted the progress and efforts made to finalize the modalities for the establishment of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre in Deqing, China, and the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence in Bonn, Germany, appreciated the involvement of the International Advisory Committees throughout the set-up process, and encouraged them to remain engaged and to regularly share progress with the Committee as the Centres operationalize their activities.

In the report, prepared with the assistance of the expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts, the Secretariat provides information on efforts and progress to continue to strengthen and enhance the coordination and coherence of global geospatial information management arrangements, and reflects on the Committee’s response to resolution [2022/24](#), including options for ensuring a sustainably resourced secretariat in the 2024 budget submission, which would be crucial for the future of the work and global coordination and coherence of the Committee.

The Secretariat also provides information to the Committee of Experts on the convening of the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress, held from 10–14 October 2022 in Hyderabad, India, and the continued progress made towards the establishment of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre in Deqing, China. The Committee will be informed of the inauguration and progress on the establishment and operationalization of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence at the United Nations campus in Bonn, Germany, under the agenda item entitled “Global geodetic reference frame” during the thirteenth session.
