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**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

**Agenda item 10 – Climate, environment and resilience**

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Distinguished Representatives, Delegates, Observers and Colleagues,

The Committee of Experts has before it two reports related to agenda item 10 on Geospatial information for climate, environment, and resilience. These reports include the Task Team on Geospatial information for climate resilience and the Working Group on Geospatial Information for Disaster Risk Management.

The report of the Working Group on Geospatial Information for Disaster Risk Management outlines its activities, guided by the vision of making quality geospatial information and services available and accessible to support decision-making and operations across all sectors and phases of disaster risk management. The Working Group has continued work on a common statistical framework on disaster-related statistics and a webinar on disaster risk reduction. It has also been working to cultivate partnerships across the UN system and beyond to increase awareness and implementation of the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters, as well as its revised workplan for 2024-2026.

The Task Team on Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience report highlights its progress, including the development and launch of a paper titled “Applying geospatial information to climate challenges.” This paper is provided as a background document to this agenda item. The Task Team also supported the seventh High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, held in Mexico City in October 2024, with the theme “Accelerating Implementation: Achieving Resilience”. This work is important in establishing the work of the Committee of Experts as a key enabler in tackling climate mitigation and adaptation strategies and raising the agenda by capturing a wide range of national experiences that highlight both global issues and local impacts.

In terms of today's discussion and decisions, the Committee considered the importance of a “joined up” approach to addressing climate resilience and disaster risk management during the fourteenth session. During the intersessional period, the two groups have connected to discuss a coherent and synergistic approach in activities related to geospatial information for climate, environment, and resilience.

The Committee is asked to:

- Provide guidance on the substantive content associated with the new agenda item: Climate, Environment, and Resilience.

- Encourage Member States and relevant experts to contribute to forthcoming consolidated activities.
- Provide views on the preparation of a single holistic report at future sessions and the development of a related workplan to be presented at the sixteenth session.

Thank you.

*Co-Chair of the fifteenth session*