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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT
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Distinguished Delegates,

The Committee of Experts has before it the report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, submitted under agenda item 11, Integration of geospatial, statistical and other related information. The report is presented for the Committee's consideration, together with the second edition of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF), the Expert Group's Work Plan for 2025-2027, and papers that examine the Benefits of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for the Statistical Domain and the Expert Group's proposed Strategic Plan and Vision for 2030 respectively.

The report provides an overview of the activities of the Expert Group during the intersessional period, including the outcomes of its eighth meeting, kindly hosted by UN-Habitat in Nairobi and the finalization of its 2025–2027 work plan. It highlights efforts to strengthen collaboration with the Statistical Commission, the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, and other functional groups, with a view to advancing geostatistical integration at national and global levels.

I would like to highlight three significant items for discussion:

- The preparation of the paper on the benefits of the UN-IGIF for the statistical domain as a paper that aims to promote and raise awareness of the UN-IGIF; we seek your comments as we look to finalize, and then submit, to the forthcoming Statistical Commission;
- The second edition of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF 2.0). The updated framework reflects the maturity of geostatistical integration since its adoption in 2019, offering a simplified structure, clearer guidance, and stronger alignment with key frameworks, including the UN-IGIF and the Generic Statistical Business Process Model. GSGF 2.0 provides Member States with a practical foundation to implement geospatially enabled statistics and to strengthen national data ecosystems in support of decision-making and sustainable development monitoring; and,
- The Expert Group's Strategic Plan and Vision for 2030, which sets out a forward-looking approach to geostatistical integration in response to an evolving data landscape, characterized by the proliferation of Earth observations, administrative records, and emerging data sources. The Strategic Plan identifies communication and knowledge-sharing, data governance and accessibility, and capacity development as key

priorities to ensure that the integration of statistical and geospatial information remains fit for purpose for the remainder of the 2030 Agenda and for future global development frameworks.

The Committee is invited to take note of the report, endorse the second edition of the GSGF, and provide its views on the Expert Group's strategic direction and the actions proposed to accelerate the adoption of geostatistical integration in support of sustainable development.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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