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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/15th-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 fourteenth session, held in New York from 7 to 9 August 2024, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 14/109, in which it, inter alia, emphasized the importance of coordination and collaboration, supported the ongoing efforts of the Expert Group to strengthen engagement with the Statistical Commission and the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, and efforts to engage and interact with relevant functional groups of the Committee of Experts and the Statistical Commission, noting that the many data integration challenges, including for the production of national development indicators, the Sustainable Development Goal indicators, the measuring and monitoring for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, other current and future global, regional and national development agendas, priorities and programmes, required the full and coordinated implementation of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework at the country level.

In the report, the Expert Group provides information on its recent activities, including the outcomes of its eighth meeting, convened jointly with the seventh meeting

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of the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators at the headquarters of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), in Nairobi from 17 to 19 September 2024. The outcomes of the meetings included the endorsement of the approach of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names regarding a unique identifier for cities; the review of the outcomes of its workplan for the period 2022–2024; and the development of the workplan for the period 2025–2027, in which it established the task team on the coordination and communication for the alignment of geostatistical information, the task team on resources for Global Statistical Geospatial Framework implementation and the task team on Global Statistical Geospatial Framework advancement (containing subgroups that focus on the development of technical guidance on topics such as address registers, institutional arrangements, geocoding and common geographies (grids)).

The report also discusses the process of developing the second edition of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework, with the updates aimed at ensuring alignment with the present geostatistical landscape. The second edition of the Framework is provided to the Committee of Experts for endorsement. In the report, the Expert Group also highlights the finalization of the paper entitled “Benefits of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for the statistical domain” and discusses opportunities for its promotion, examining future opportunities for raising awareness on the Framework to the Statistical community.

In considering the significance of the integration of statistical and geospatial information within the work programme of the Statistical Commission, the Expert Group presents in its report the outputs related to geostatistical integration of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission and discusses the steps that it is taking to accelerate the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution [2022/3](#) and other relevant mandates of both the Commission and the Committee of Experts and other subsidiary bodies of the Council. In this regard, the Expert Group has developed a report entitled “Geostatistical integration for now and the future: strategic plan and vision for 2030”, which is presented to the Committee for its review and comment, building on its previous reports, in which it has considered its own role within the evolving programme of work of the Committee and the Commission, including in relation to global agendas and national development priorities.
