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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 of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the progress of the working group in encouraging Member States to implement the Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters.

Summary of the report

At its eighth session, held in New York from 1 to 3 August 2018, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 8/111, in which it commended the working group for its efforts with regard to the adoption of Economic and Social Council resolution 2018/14 entitled “Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services for Disasters” and to the development of an assessment tool to assist Member States and the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management regional committees in evaluating and developing national implementation plans. In addition, the Committee emphasized the need to have real-time integration of statistical and geospatial data to connect people with locations and encouraged the working group to align its messages with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework since disaster risk reduction and management was a critical beneficiary of national geospatial capability.

In the report, the working group provides information on its intersessional activities, including the implementation of the Strategic Framework, review by the Bureau of the Committee of Experts of the assessment survey tool and the development of the working group’s future work programme and terms of reference. Activities under consideration include supporting the preparation and implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, finalizing and seeking endorsement of the assessment survey tool and supporting the development of a statistical framework on disaster-related statistics.

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