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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 legal and policy frameworks for geospatial information management, 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 made by the working group in its efforts to address legal and policy issues in geospatial information management, including issues related to authoritative data.

Summary of the report

At its eighth session, held in New York from 1 to 3 August 2018, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 8/106, in which it endorsed the compendium on the licensing of geospatial information and commended the working group on its activities and significant progress made, including having convened two international workshops and one mini-workshop that facilitated regional and subregional learning and capacity development. The Committee requested that the working group contribute its subject matter expertise towards the preparation and development of the strategic pathway on legal and policy matters in the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.

In the report, the working group provides information on its progress and activities, including its first meeting held on the margins of the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress convened in Deqing, China, in November 2018, at which it deliberated on the results of its use-case exercise and the development of implementation guidance aligned with the strategic pathway on legal and policy

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matters in the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework. The report contains details of the initial findings of the use-case exercise and options to address issues related to data security, data privacy, intellectual property and licensing in the context of data-sharing and data dissemination. In the report, the working group also discusses updates on its workplan for the period 2019–2020 and its ongoing contribution to the development of the implementation guide on the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and provides an overview of its planned activities for 2019.
