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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 Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Europe on behalf of its working group on global fundamental geospatial data themes. The report 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 in the implementation of the global fundamental geospatial data themes.

Summary of the report

At its eighth session, held in New York from 1 to 3 August 2018, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 8/104, in which it commended the working group for raising awareness of the 14 global fundamental geospatial data themes through its promotion, marketing and communication efforts, noted the suggestions to describe the themes in greater non-technical detail so that they could be harmonized at the national and regional levels and to ensure easier national implementation, acknowledged the alignment of the themes with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and encouraged the inclusion of the themes in the development of geospatial information activities at the national level.

In the report, the Regional Committee outlines the actions it has taken to advance work regarding the fundamental geospatial data themes at the regional and global levels and its efforts to anchor the themes in the different work items of the Committee of Experts, including integrating the themes within the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework in the context of strategic pathway 4, which concerns data. The Regional Committee also includes recommendations for the Committee of Experts to consider the future modalities of the working group.

* [E/C.20/2020/1](http://www.un.org/Depts/under20/).

