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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 its report on strengthening 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 how the global geospatial information management community can actively contribute to efforts by Member States to strengthen their geospatial information management.

Summary of the report

At its eighth session, held in New York from 1 to 3 August 2018, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 8/101, in which it welcomed the efforts of the Secretariat and the expanded Bureau of the Committee to take practical and strategic action pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution [2016/27](#) on strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management. The Committee welcomed the extrabudgetary resources provided to support efforts to improve and strengthen national geospatial information capacity-building in developing countries and noted the updated strategic framework for the period 2018–2022 and suggestions to ensure that the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework remained aligned with the strategic framework, as a reference point for coordinating, harmonizing and prioritizing the work programmes and activities of the Committee. The Committee agreed to take a strategic leadership role in guiding the geospatial aspects of the federated information system with regard to the Sustainable Development Goals, taking into account the existing work achieved in national spatial data infrastructures and the need for flexibility in the development of geospatial information at the national level.

* [E/C.20/2020/1](#).



In the report, prepared with assistance from the expanded Bureau, the Secretariat provides information on the efforts to take practical and strategic actions to implement the resolution and strengthen geospatial information management in Member States. The report contains details about the outcome of the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress, held in Deqing, China, from 19 to 21 November 2018, and the ensuing proposal to establish a United Nations global geospatial knowledge centre of excellence in Deqing; progress towards the sixth High-level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management, to be hosted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 20 to 22 April 2020; and the continuing development and consultation of the report by the United Kingdom on future trends in geospatial information management.
