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Statement provided by: Switzerland
Statement:
Switzerland takes note of the report of the expert group, endorses the Implementation Guide of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) and welcomes the progress made by the Expert Group on the integration of statistical and geospatial information.   The GSGF and the implementation guide provide an excellent basis for integrating the spatial dimension into statistics.   In order to ensure a broad integration of statistics and geo-information, it is very important to have people from both domains working together at all levels. A dialogue between geo-information and statistics has to be established from the beginning in order to build up the mutual understanding necessary to implement the principles of cooperation and interoperability.   This human factor is extremely important and Switzerland proposes to the expert group to prioritize work package (e) Carrying out activities to strengthen interlinkages with relevant groups in both the statistical and geospatial communities in the 2022-2024 action plan. Otherwise, Switzerland fully supports this action plan in its entirety.
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