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**Items for discussion and decision: integration of statistical and geospatial information**

**Document E/CN.3/2022/28 – Report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information**

<i>Statement provided by:</i> USA (United States of America)	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>The United States (U.S.) applauds the achievements of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information (EG-ISGI) and continues to support the ongoing efforts to provide guidance in pursuit of the global goals outlined in the report issued December 2, 2021, entitled “Report of the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information” (E/CN.3/2022/28).</p> <p>The U.S. endorses the Implementation Guide of the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework (GSGF) discussed in the report.</p> <p>The U.S. specifically notes the efforts of the EG-ISGI’s Work Streams and Task Teams and their member nations in carrying the work forward to produce the GSGF Implementation Guide. Of particular note is the work of the Task Team on Capacity Building to provide the results of the global survey readiness to implement the GSGF for the Committee’s review and consideration. The United States approves of the EG-ISGI’s current efforts to finalize an expanded work plan for the period of 2022-2024 to make progress towards creating global datasets for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>The U.S. also recognizes the work of the multinational team involved in the Marco Estadístico y Geoespacial para las Américas (MEGA) project and the regional collaborative effort to encourage adoption of common standards to facilitate the integration of statistical and geospatial information. This work provides an example of the implementation of the goals of the GSGF. Through the efforts of this regional project, a model of international collaboration was developed with the goal of the free exchange of expertise and data that proved valuable in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Lastly, the U.S. acknowledges the many data integration challenges all nations face and continues to urge national statistical offices (NSOs) and national geospatial information agencies (NGIAs) to strengthen their collaborations and support one another’s important work within their countries, regionally, and globally.</p>	
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