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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Agenda Item 13 - Integrated marine geospatial information

Friday, 9 August 2024

Esteemed Chair, distinguished representatives, delegates, observers, and colleagues,

It is with great honor that I present the Agenda Item 12 on behalf of the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information.

Throughout our deliberations, the Working Group remained steadfast in its commitment to advancing the agenda outlined in our work plan, fostering robust collaboration with esteemed partners including the International Hydrographic Organization, the Open Geospatial Consortium, and the International Standards Organization.

Our deliberations were meticulously directed towards three core focal points: (a) understanding the impact of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction; (b) implementation of the Operational Framework for Integrated Marine Geospatial Information Management at the country level; and (c) the integration of terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains.

Recognizing the profound implications of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction, the working group highlights its efforts to clarify the consequential impact of the Agreement with a focus on informing integrated marine geospatial information management strategies. The working group also highlights the use of artificial intelligence to facilitate implementation of the Operational Framework for Integrated Marine Geospatial Information Management, in alignment with General Assembly resolution 78/265.

This year we worked towards integration across diverse domains and developing a comprehensive guidance document aligned with the strategic pathways of the UN-IGIF in collaboration with the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management and leveraging the International Hydrographic Organization-Singapore Innovation and Technology Laboratory as a crucible for experimentation.

The working group expresses its appreciation to the Government of Indonesia, its Geospatial Information Agency and Navy's Hydrographic and Oceanographic Center for successfully hosting the sixth expert meeting of the Working Group together with an international seminar from 4 to 8 March 2024 in Bali.

This year the Working Group is asking the Committee of Experts to provide guidance to the Working Group on its progress and efforts in raising awareness and promoting integrated marine geospatial information management; express its views on the priority areas and next steps as discussed by the Working Group, including collaboration and partnerships to support better appreciation and

coordination for the implementation of the UN-IGIF-Hydro that will meet the operational requirements of Member States.

Thank you Chair.

Parry Oei (Singapore)

Chair, Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information