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**Item 3g - Integration of statistical and geospatial information**

Norway appreciates the work undertaken by the Expert Group on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information and welcomes the initiative to establish a global information infrastructure to collect a wide range of global data sets within an explicit geospatial reference framework. The global consensus on the 5 principles in the Global Statistical Geospatial Framework is therefor regarded as satisfactory.

However, cooperation with the regional UN-GGIM entities will be a key factor to ensure a good process forward in the global implementation of the framework. A successful establishment and use of the framework depends on dedication and a certain degree of consensus on the framework in all the five regional UN-GGIM entities. Norway thus encourages a collaborative and coordinated implementation process.

As a member of the Expert Group, Statistics Norway sees the advantage of being involved at the regional level as well as the global. Regionally we are now committed through the Eurostat ESSproject GEOSTAT 3, which aims to implement the global framework by creating a European framework founded on the global one.