**REQUEST FOR BOARD DECISION**

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**SUBJECT:** Arctic SDI Vision and Mission Statement

**Request to the Board:**Board Approval of the newly created Vision and Mission Statements at the 4 June 2015 Copenhagen Board Meeting

**Background and Objective:** It is a standard practice to include an organization’s Vision and Mission Statement when writing strategic plans. Communication of Vision and Mission Statements aids in the development of the organization’s plans and goals for the future. Vision and Mission statements are important in general as they assist the organization internally to stay focused on their core values, as well as assisting external groups in understanding the important role the organization hopes to play.

In working on the *Arctic SDI Strategic Plan 2015-2020*, the Working Group on Strategy reviewed both the Arctic SDI Vision Statement and Mission Statement, and was in agreement that both statements were out of date given the revised focus, implementation and strategy of the Arctic SDI. To seek a proactive solution to the situation, the Working Group on Strategy, which includes all National Contact Points, coordinated to draft more current and relevant Vision and Mission Statements. Both the current and newly drafted Vision and Mission statements are listed below:

**Historic Vision:**An Arctic SDI - based on sustainable co-operation between mandated national mapping organizations - will provide access to spatially related reliable information over the Arctic to facilitate monitoring and decision making.

**Newly Drafted Vision**: The Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure will facilitate access to geospatial information in support of social, economic, environmental and other needs for the Arctic.

**Historic Mission**: To provide the best Geodata in the Arctic and support tools for data discovery, access and sharing.

**Newly Drafted Mission**:

The Mission of Arctic SDI stakeholders is to:

* Communicate the benefits of a Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Arctic;
* Encourage geospatial information sharing and management through best practices;
* Support the development and evolution of the Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure.