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PREAMBLE

The Commission for the Management and Application of Geoscience Information (CGI) is a Commission of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS). It was re-activated with new Officers in 2002, following a decision by the IUGS Executive in Lower Hutt, New Zealand in February 2002.

STATUTES

Definition of The Commission for the Management and Application of Geoscience Information (for definition of terms used in this document see Appendix A)

- 1 The Commission for the Management and Application of Geoscience Information is a Commission of the IUGS. The Commission for the Management and Application of Geoscience Information, hereinafter called the CGI, is an international scientific, technical non-governmental, non-political, and non-profit-making organisation.

Aims and objectives

- 2 The aims of the CGI are to: -
 - Help in exchanging knowledge on geoscience information and systems
 - Support dissemination of best practice in geoscience information
 - Encourage the development of geoscience information standards
 - Play a full part in the international geoscience information community and represent IUGS on geoscience information matters
 - Bring together individuals and organisations with an interest in the management and application of geoscience information
 - Provide open access to the standards and outputs it delivers, for the benefit of all

Membership

- 3 Scientists and technicians from each country are eligible to become members of CGI, provided that they, or the organisations they belong to, are members of IUGS.
- 4 There is no limit to the number of CGI members from one country or organisation.
- 5 Applications for membership in CGI shall be submitted to the CGI Officers (collectively referred to as the "CGI Council").

Fiscal Policy

- 6 The business of the CGI shall be carried on without the purposes of financial gain for any individuals or organisations.
- 7 The CGI may acquire revenue from grants, contracts, royalties, donations, investments or recovery of costs for publications or meetings. The CGI shall not assume debts exceeding the sum of its assets, promised grants or contributions, and expected subvention from the IUGS. Only the assets of the CGI may be held liable for the Union's fiscal obligations.
- 8 All income of the CGI shall be deposited in accounts authorized by the IUGS Bureau and ratified by the IUGS Executive Committee. Only Officers of the CGI Council and other persons so authorised by the Executive Committee may be signatories to contracts and disbursements. Any banking resolution in the name of the CGI shall be worded to ensure that in case of death of the authorised signatory the funds revert automatically to the CGI and do not become part of the estate of said authorised signatory.
- 9 Members from countries or organisations that are declared inactive by the IUGS, because of non-payment of dues, may attend CGI meetings but will not have voting rights.

Working structure of the CGI (see Appendix A)

- 10 All activities of the CGI are controlled by the CGI Council.
- 11 The administration of the CGI is carried out by the CGI Council.
- 12 The scientific and technical activities of the CGI will normally be carried out by the Sub-commissions, and Working, Regional and Special Interest Groups, and through projects or meetings arranged in collaboration with affiliated organisations, the International Geological Congress, other non-governmental bodies, and inter-governmental bodies.
- 13 All Officers of the CGI and its Sub-commissions and Working Groups serve in an individual capacity.
- 14 The members of CGI shall be informed and consulted by the CGI Council on matters of general significance. They are encouraged to promote the CGI's aims and objectives and to facilitate the participation of scientists and technologists in international projects.

The CGI Council

- 15 The Council of the CGI shall consist of: - (a) a Chairperson, (b) a Secretary General and (c) a Treasurer, plus up to nine other Officers, ideally providing the optimal geographic and thematic representation.
- 16 The Executive Committee of the IUGS shall appoint a temporary Chairperson and Secretary General of a newly formed Commission, and its initial Officers, until the Commission can elect its own Officers. Officers of CGI Council shall be elected by Commission members and their election approved by the IUGS Executive Committee and ratified by the IUGS Council. They shall remain in office until the end of the CGI Council's term (a term is 4 years) and be immediately eligible for re-appointment once only, or twice if their initial appointment was made between the installation of new CGI Councils. Vacancies among the Officers shall be filled by nomination to CGI Council, who shall assess the candidates' suitability, until elections are held. Should an Officer of Council be deemed to be inactive for a protracted period the Council may recommend that the IUGS Executive Committee deselect that person and install a replacement.
- 17 Should any issue need to be decided by vote and in the event of an equal division of votes, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote. Each CGI Council Officer has one vote.
- 18 The CGI Council will meet at least annually and will always hold a meeting during the International Geological Congress. The CGI Council may also make decisions in extraordinary meetings or by e-mail or postal communication.

Powers and Functions of the CGI Council

- 19 The CGI Council has the power to institute any Sub-commission, or Working, Regional, or Special Interest Group that it deems necessary for the scientific or technical work of the CGI and to dissolve any Sub-commission or Group that it has instituted.
- 20 The Chairperson, Secretary General and Treasurer of CGI shall make proposals each year on the annual budget for the IUGS Executive Committee's consideration, prepare long-term plans for the finances of the CGI Council, and advise the Executive Committee on the management of funds and ways of improving the funding of the CGI.
- 21 CGI shall submit to the IUGS Executive Committee annual written progress, financial, and administrative reports on its work, encompassing also the work of their Sub-commission(s) and Groups. They shall submit reports, including a summary of results, to the IUGS Council four months prior to each ordinary session of the Council.

The International Geological Congress

- 22 The CGI (and any Sub-commission) shall hold scientific and business meetings, whenever possible, in conjunction with sessions of the Congress.

Affiliated Organisations

- 23 Active international or multinational scientific organisations in the field of geoscience information are encouraged to apply for affiliated status, if they are willing to support the aims and objectives of the CGI. By mutual agreement they may become Working, Regional or Special Interest Groups. Applications are considered and ratified by the CGI Council.
- 24 The CGI Council, may dissolve the affiliation of an organisation which has been inactive for a period of over two years.

Entry into force of, and amendments for statutes

- 25 These statutes shall come into force at the close of a meeting at which they received the approval of the CGI Council by at least a two-thirds vote. The English text shall be considered authoritative in the interpretation of these statutes.
- 26 A two-thirds majority of Officers will be required to change these statutes. Other decisions may be taken on a simple majority. A quorum will be two-thirds of the CGI Council.

Dissolution of the CGI

- 27 The CGI may be dissolved at a session of the CGI Council at which at least two-thirds of its Officers are present, with the approval of three-fourths of the Officers voting. On dissolution, the assets of the CGI shall be transferred to the IUGS to finance other work related to the aims and objectives of the IUGS.

Additional copies may be obtained on request from: -

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Appendix A: Definition of terms and meanings

Adhering Organization:	A representative body, such as a national committee for geology or a national academy of sciences, designated by the appropriate authority to represent in the IUGS the geological scientists of a country or of a geographically defined area. (IUGS Statutes, Preamble (a))
CGI Council:	The body of up to 10 Officers which administers CGI.
CGI Officer:	A person elected by the CGI members, or nominated by the IUGS Executive, to be a part of the CGI Council
Commissions and their Sub-commissions:	Bodies of experts appointed to coordinate long-term international cooperative investigations to establish standards in appropriate fields, and to encourage international co-operation in the advancement of knowledge in various disciplines and problems in the geological sciences. (IUGS Statutes, Preamble (g))
Inactive Status:	Adhering Organisations that have not paid their dues to IUGS for more than two years will be placed on inactive status. Active status may be restored upon payment of dues for two past years to IUGS. (IUGS Statutes, Clause 14.)
Membership of CGI:	Any scientist or technician is eligible to become a member of CGI, provided that they, or the organisations they belong to, are members of IUGS.
Membership of IUGS:	Geological scientists from each country, or defined geographical areas within which they are largely supported from internal sources, may become members of the Union through an Adhering Organization designated by the proper authority to represent them, provided the organization can be listed under a name that will avoid any misunderstanding about the territory represented. (IUGS Statutes, Clause 5)

Appendix B: The working structure of CGI

