Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management

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Statement provided by: Guyana Statement: Thank you Mr Chair The Cooperative Republic of Guyana as co-chair of the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management wishes to support the call for the adoption of the Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA). Guyana welcomes the continuing efforts to advocate and raise awareness of the merits and benefits of effective and efficient land administration and management by formulating overarching policy guidance that could be referenced by Member States. The expert group in its work of developing the FELA document considered interoperability, sustainability, the application of geospatial information, the importance of existing internationally agreed standards, historical records, economic benefits and value. Guyana wishes to thank those who have participated in this comprehensive process, which has produced a well-rounded document presented today for adoption by the Committee of Experts. We note that this is a dynamic document, which will benefit from improvements over time in line with changing practices and techniques and we welcome the contributions of member states in further development of the document as we move towards its implementation. We encourage full use of the FELA which takes into consideration the peculiarities of all countries, particularly developing countries with unique historical, legal, political and socioeconomic backgrounds. I thank you! Submitted on: Oral delivered at the 1st meeting on 26 August 2020