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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the expert group on land administration and management, which will be available in the language of submission only from the relevant web page of the Committee of Experts (<http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/9th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and express its views on the work of the expert group, including efforts to advocate, raise awareness of and formulate overarching policy guidance on effective and efficient land administration and management that could be referenced by Member States.

Summary of the report

At its eighth session, held in New York from 1 to 3 August 2018, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 8/109, in which it welcomed the continuing efforts of the expert group 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 was encouraged to consider the following issues: interoperability and sustainability, the application of geospatial information, the importance of existing internationally agreed standards, historical records, and economic benefits and value.

In the report, the expert group provides information on its activities, including its formal meeting on formulating overarching policy guidance and the convening in Deqing, China, on 27 and 28 September 2018, of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management international seminar on effective land administration. Participants in the seminar emphasized the urgent need to record, document and recognize relationships between people and land, in all its forms,

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recognizing the diverse social and economic circumstances at the national and subnational levels. In that regard, the expert group has developed, for the consideration of the Committee of Experts, a framework for effective land administration that is aligned with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework.
