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Dear Colleagues,

Global Consultation on the Framework for Effective Land Administration

On behalf of the co-chairs of the United Nations Expert Group on Land Administration and Management (Expert Group), I am writing to inform you of the Expert Group's progress towards the development of the Framework for Effective Land Administration as an overarching policy guide that provides a reference for Member States when developing, renewing, reforming, strengthening or modernizing land administration and management systems.

The Committee of Experts, at its eighth session in August 2018, in its Decision 8/109¹, encouraged the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management (Expert Group) to continue its advocacy and raising awareness of the merits and benefits of effective and efficient land administration and management systems, and to formulate overarching policy guidance that could be referenced by Member States. The Committee, at its ninth session in August 2019, in its Decision 9/107², noted the considerable progress and efforts of the Expert Group towards formulating and developing a draft Framework and the request that the Expert Group initiate and undertake a **broad global consultation process** on the draft Framework involving Member States and relevant stakeholders, and thereafter, provide the Framework to the Committee of Experts for consideration and adoption at its tenth session in August 2020.

It is against this background that I am pleased to inform you that over the past two years, under the leadership, initially of Lesotho and the Netherlands, then Suriname and the Netherlands, and presently Guyana and the Netherlands, the Expert Group has developed the draft Framework for Effective Land Administration. This draft was extensively consulted and reviewed within the Expert Group, and at its most recent virtual meeting, the Expert Group agreed that the draft is ready to undergo the broad consultation process involving Member States and relevant stakeholders.

In this context, the Expert Group now invites the Committee of Experts and relevant stakeholders to review and comment on the draft Framework for Effective Land Administration, which is provided together with this letter. I would be grateful if you could review the draft and provide your comments and feedback, preferably directly on the attached document using the 'comment' tool, to my colleague, Ms. Vilma Frani (frani@un.org) no later than **2 March 2020**.

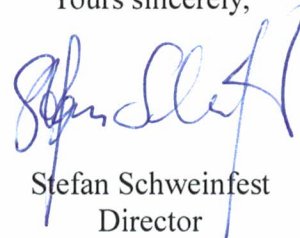
¹ E/2018/46 – E/C.20/2018/19

² E/2020/46 – E/C.20/2020/19

The Secretariat will consolidate the comments, feedback and suggestions, and together with the Expert Group, ready and then provide the Framework for Effective Land Administration to the Committee of Experts for consideration and adoption at its tenth session in August 2020.

Thank you for your cooperation on this important global consultation. I look forward to your constructive responses and continuing support to effectively and efficiently relate people to land; documenting, recording and recognizing people to land relationships in all their forms towards securing land and property rights for all and leaving no one behind.

Yours sincerely,



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