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**Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management
(for discussion and decision)**

Statement provided by:

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Finland welcomes the opportunity to comment the report of the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management entitled Application of Geospatial Information related to Land Administration and Management. Finland wishes to encourage the Secretariat to continue the work of the global high-level Expert Group on Land Administration and Management. This group is also required to enhance utilizing the implementation guide of the IGIF as a reference resource to design, implement and maintain effective land administration at the country-level.

The contemporary version of the Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA) provided as a background document to the Application of Geospatial Information related to Land Administration and Management is appreciated by Finland. FELA document is written at a strategic and global level. When considering the document as a living document is one aspect to contemplate in the future. This kind of document can also be seen as guidance including information and points which can be considered as relevant and usable already now at the country-level. Producing after some five years a totally new strategic document is also an option.

In Finland we have regarded IT-based key registers maintained by various authorities very important while developing and planning a modern land administration and management. This kind of infrastructure is functional only when different parts co-operate. Since the year 2000 our experiences and results of developing the infrastructure of base or key registers have been positive. Thinking about the goals or principles like “no one is left behind” or “land rights for all” a key register based land information system including for example fit-for-purpose cadaster is something worth aspiring globally.

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