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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/10th-Session/>). The Committee is invited to take note of the report, express its views on the work and progress of the expert group, including efforts to advocate and raise awareness of the merits and benefits of effective and efficient land administration and management, and consider the framework for effective land administration for adoption.

Summary of the report

At its ninth session, held in New York from 7 to 9 August 2019, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 9/107, in which it noted the continued 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 with regard to the relationship between people and land. The Committee welcomed the efforts by the expert group to align with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the elaboration of the nine strategic pathways of the Framework as they applied to the land sector. In connection with formulating the framework for effective land administration, the Committee welcomed the inclusion of appropriate globally agreed concepts and approaches, requested the working group to promote the use of applicable internationally agreed standards and recognized the need to respect the inherent rights of indigenous peoples to their lands, territories and resources, as well as traditions and customs.

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In the report, the expert group provides information on its activities, including its progress in formulating the draft framework for effective land administration, and the subsequent broad global consultation process undertaken with Member States and relevant stakeholders. The framework, with its nine pathways aligned with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, is aimed at providing the reference and guidance for Member States when establishing, strengthening, coordinating and monitoring their land administration nationally or subnationally. In that regard, the expert group has completed, for consideration and adoption by the Committee of Experts, the framework for effective land administration, which is provided as a background document to the report. In addition, the expert group discusses mechanisms to leverage the Implementation Guide of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework as a reference resource for Governments to assess, design, plan, implement and maintain effective land administration in such a way that positive transformational change and benefits are enabled, visible and sustainable.
