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Eleventh Session**

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Agenda item 9

Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management

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Distinguished delegates, representatives, observers, colleagues and friends,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the report of the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management for your kind consideration. Although the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic compels us to adjust our approaches and does not allow us to meet in-person at the UNHQ in New York once again, the need and urgency for timely, fit for purpose and effective land administration has not changed.

After the adoption of the Framework for Effective Land Administration (FELA) by the Committee of Experts during its tenth session, the Expert Group has continued its work to advocate and raise awareness of the merits and benefits of effective and efficient land administration. The Expert Group utilizes the IGIF Implementation Guide as a reference resource when considering guidance to implement the FELA at the country level.

This was clearly shown during the virtual Side Event we organised this August 12th. Here, the translations of FELA in Arabic, Chinese, and Spanish were presented, and an example was given from Mexico, where the country's new legislation for cadastre and property registry has been aligned to the principles, goals, and recommendations of the FELA. The Expert Group also elaborated on the proposed five key elements for implementing the FELA at the country-level, as mentioned in our report to the Committee of Experts at this session. And not forgetting, we appreciated the efforts of Saudi Arabia, China, Chile and Spain for volunteering translation capacities for the FELA.

During this Eleventh session of the Committee of Experts we ask for your guidance and views for implementing the FELA, utilizing the IGIF Implementation Guide as a resource. And yes, we hope that in the coming year it will be possible to convene a formal meeting and to meet on site again.

Thank you.

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