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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/11th-Session/). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the work and progress of the expert group, including efforts to advocate and raise awareness of the Framework for Effective Land Administration.

Summary of the report

At its tenth session, held virtually on 26 and 27 August and 4 September 2020, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 10/107, 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 by formulating and finalizing the Framework for Effective Land Administration as a reference for Member States when developing, reforming, strengthening and modernizing effective and efficient land administration processes and systems. The Committee appreciated that the Framework for Effective Land Administration was fully aligned with the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework as an overarching policy guide supporting the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals for both developing and developed countries, and noted that transparent and secure land and property rights for all was a crucial component for an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable society. The Committee suggested that an assessment mechanism be developed that would account for all nine pathways of the Framework for Effective Land Administration to support its implementation and encouraged the expert group to continue to advocate and raise awareness of effective land administration.

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In the report, the expert group provides information on its progress and activities, including on the review and update of its work plan for the period 2020-2022 and on efforts to advocate and raise awareness of effective land administration and ensure the usefulness of the adopted Framework for Effective Land Administration within the context of national circumstances. The report contains information on the initial consideration of the expert group to utilize the Implementation Guide of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework as a reference resource when developing guidance to implement the Framework for Effective Land Administration at the country level. In that regard, the expert group indicates that it is also considering modalities for sharing and exchanging knowledge, information and experiences, including relevant use cases, practices and examples at the country level, and to translate concepts into practical guidance, including appropriate assessment mechanisms that account for all nine pathways of the Framework for Effective Land Administration to support its implementation. The expert group also includes information on its efforts to encourage the translation of that Framework into languages other than English in order to further communicate, advocate and raise awareness of effective land administration; details of efforts to support the implementation of the Framework; and a discussion of the initial consideration by the expert group of a working modality to periodically review, update and maintain the Framework as a living document.

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