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Distinguished delegates, representatives, observers, colleagues and friends,

It is with great pleasure that I am presenting here, on behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management, the report for your kind consideration. It is a pleasure that by now the situation allows us to meet in-person at the UNHQ in New York once again, and to be able here in person to highlight the Expert Groups continuous efforts to emphasise the need of secure tenure for all, especially in regard to food security, land conflicts, migration and peace and the ongoing climate crisis. The Expert Group is aware that its efforts require more support for integrated information on land tenure, land value, land development, land use and land use change to effectively administer and manage land.

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 on the merits and benefits of effective land administration. The Expert Group continues to utilize the IGIF Implementation Guide as a reference resource when considering guidance to implement the FELA at the country level, but also recognises that national circumstances may require further elaboration and adaption of the guidance and recommended actions towards countries needs.

During the Expert Group meetings, which were held face to face and online, the Expert Group worked on issues that were covered by the current work plan and identified issues for the future workplan related to a holistic view on Rights, Restrictions and Responsibilities (RRR) that are associated with land; the digital and mobile access to land information; cybersecurity and data security mechanisms; and the integration of built environment and the cadastre, to address land administration within an ecosystem or as interconnected domain to be effective. The Expert Group advocates for greater flexibility and innovation in land administration and management and hence wants to continue to engage and work with the Regional Committees, Working and Expert Groups of UN-GGIM, professional bodies, academia and private sector.

During this Twelfth session of the Committee of Experts the Expert Group asks for your continuous guidance and views for implementing the FELA and for the development of a work plan for 2022 – 2024.

Thank you.

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