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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Agenda item 12 - Integrated geospatial information for effective land administration and management

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates, observers, and colleagues.

It is with a great pleasure that I am introducing, on behalf of the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management, the Agenda Item 12 for your consideration.

Geospatial professionals working in different domains, capture and manage different type of geospatial information. To deliver effective land administration, the geospatial professionals are required to integrate different data from different domains, such as cadastral, mapping, marine, geodetic and build environment, together. This domain data integration is especially crucial in supporting disaster management, climate resilience, clean energy transition, and smart city development, just to name a few.

Since the 13th session, The Expert Group kick-started a series of activities and events, both physical and virtual, aimed at engaging its members and advancing its workplan.

Expert Group is fostering partnerships and collaborations with Regional Committees, Functional Groups and Thematic Networks, as well as international organizations, including the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG). The primary focus of these partnerships is to communicate, promote and raise awareness about the importance and benefits of effective land administration and the implementation of the Framework for Effective Land Administration (or in short known as FELA). The collaborations also aim to provide support to Member States in their efforts to develop, reform, strengthen and modernize their land administration systems, ensuring they are both effective and efficient.

Through our meetings and discussions related to the integration of terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains, we recognized the importance of collaboration with the Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information (WG-MGI) and other UN-GGIM functional groups. The current joint effort is directed towards the preparation of a paper which will be jointly developed together with WG-MGI that focuses primarily on addressing the technical complexities of the land-sea interface.

The Expert Group expresses its appreciation to the Government of Mexico and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) for successfully hosting the Fifth meeting of the Expert Group together with an international seminar in Aguascalientes, Mexico.

The committee of Experts is invited to express its view on the engagement, collaboration and partnerships to support better awareness and coordination for the implementation of the FELA according to national circumstances and needs, and to take note of the work, progress and activities of the Expert Group including joint efforts in addressing the integration of terrestrial, maritime, built and cadastral domains.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

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