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Note by the Bureau of the Working Party

Summary

The present note contains information on progress made in the implementation of the programme of work of the Working Party on Land Administration since its last session and on work to be undertaken through 2013. The Bureau of the Working Party has met eight times since the seventh session, which was held from 30 June to 1 July 2011, to review the programme of work and its implementation.

When discussing its activities, the Working Party may wish to keep in mind that the programme should reflect the interests of member States and their willingness to contribute to the programme's implementation in terms of expertise and human and financial resources.

I. Land-administration policies

Description: The Working Party promotes the improvement of land-administration policies, including the reform of cadastre and registration systems; the establishment of institutional frameworks for land use; security of tenure of real estate; public access to land information; and resolution of land disputes.

Work accomplished: Since the last Working Party Session, the Working Party held the workshop “Supporting Global Economic Recovery: The Role of Land Registration Authorities”, about which more information is available in ECE/HBP/WP.8/2013/4. The Working Party also contributed to discussions held by international land management organizations on improving land management, including:

- The Geospatial World Forum, 23 to 27 April 2012, Amsterdam, organized by Geospatial Media and Communications;
- The Annual Symposium of the Croatian Geodetic Society, 29 May 2012, Slavonski Broad, Croatia, organized by the Croatian Geodetic Society;
- The CINDER Congress, 17 to 19 September 2012, Amsterdam, organized by the Dutch Kadaster.

II. Major trends in land administration

Description: The Working Party aims to promote security of tenure by introducing and improving cadastre and land registry and developing sound real estate markets. Sound land registration and cadastre data to support security of tenure is a core issue in the Working Party’s agenda. The Working Party also pursues work on these topics in relation to the question of informal settlements.

Work accomplished: The Working Party carried out the Survey on the Benchmarking of Land Administration systems with input from the Real Estate Market Advisory Group. The results of this study are described in document ECE/HBP/WP.8/2013/5. The Working Party held the workshops “Land Administration in a Networked Society” and “Informal Development, Property and Housing”; more information about these workshops is available in ECE/HBP/WP.8/2013/4.

III. Land-administration reviews

Description: The Working Party promotes the practical implementation of land-administration policies through country-specific studies. Land-administration reviews and related follow-up activities are carried out at the request of Member States.

Work accomplished: The Working Party contributed a chapter on land administration for the Country Profiles on the Housing Sector for Ukraine and Tajikistan. The country Profile Study on the Housing Sector of Ukraine, which contains a chapter on land administration,

has been finalized and will be submitted to the government for review. The delegation of Ukraine will be invited to report on the findings and how they intend to implement the recommendations contained in the study. Preliminary work for a country profile on Moldova has begun, which will also contain a chapter on land administration with contributions from the Working Party.
