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Dear Paul,

Cadastral Template Project

I am delighted to advise that the Cadastral Template Project jointly developed by the Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific (PCGIAP) and the International Federation of Surveyors Commission 7 (Cadastre and Land Management) has received a United Nations mandate through the 16th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific held in Japan on 14-18 July 2003. The Resolution is attached.

I am sure you can appreciate the significant nature of this endorsement. The United Nations mandate for the Cadastral Template Project is an important development to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of cadastral systems worldwide including a focus of the role of cadastres in national spatial data infrastructures. I would personally like to thank Commission 7 for their participation in this joint initiative and for your continued support, primarily through Daniel Steudler, in ensuring that we get as many countries as possible around the world to complete the Template.

The Cadastral Template has now been approved for use by all countries in the Asia-Pacific region under the direction of PCGIAP and I understand, by the country delegates to FIG Commission 7. The UN Resolution also endorses the desirability of seeking countries worldwide to complete the Template by collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Working Party on Land Administration (UNECE-WPLA), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa through the Committee on Development Information (UNECA-CODI) and the UN-sponsored Permanent Committee on Geospatial Data Infrastructure for the Americas (PCIDEA).

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PCGIAP, under the UN Resolution, has agreed to update and maintain the data if advised by participating countries for the period of the Work Plan 2003-2006 of its Working Group 3 (Cadastre). All information with regard to the Cadastral Template Project is available at:

www.cadastraltemplate.org

including details of countries already in the system as well as a questionnaire. To date about thirty countries have completed the Cadastral Template for inclusion on the website.

According to the UN Resolution any aggregation or analysis of data will also be shown on the website.

Once again thanks for your support.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.

c.c. Mr. Daniel Steudler