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Subject: Flagship Report on Land for Middle East and North Africa

Your Excellency;

I have the pleasure of informing you that the World Bank is currently preparing a flagship report on land governance in the Middle East and North Africa, which will provide a comprehensive and systematic analysis of land issues in the region.

In the framework of this study we have set up a team of experts under the direction of Dr. Harris Selod, Senior Economist, and Ms. Anna Corsi, Senior Land Administration Specialist, with the aim of identifying the main achievements and challenges in terms of land administration and governance in the Region's countries, and the related economic and social impacts. The overarching objective of the study is to draw lessons on ways and means to optimize land use and allocation for economic growth and shared prosperity.

In the course of this work, we were glad to note that in the 2020 Doing Business assessment, Jordan has the second highest score for the Land Administration Quality Index in the region. We would very much like to focus on Jordan's experience leading to this remarkable achievement. To this end, we would very much appreciate your collaboration and support to help us measure how a set of statistical indicators calculated from Jordan's land registration data evolved over time. Results could be showcased in our report as well as in a joint policy note if you find this to be of interest to the Department of Land and Surveys, and/or to Jordanian researchers on land issues.

We hope that you will accept our proposal for collaboration and subsequently I suggest the modalities of cooperation be discussed between our team leaders and yourself in a virtual meeting to be organized at a time convenient to you.

I look forward to our further collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rabah Arezki", written over a horizontal line.

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