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NOMINATION OF HELGE ONSRUD FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF FIG.

FIG Norway represented by Norges Jordskifte kandidatforening – *Norwegian association of chartered surveyors* hereby nominates Helge Onsrud for honorary membership of FIG.

Helge Onsrud has been an active contributor to FIG activities for many years.

- ✓ First of all he was chairperson of Commission 3 from 1994 to 1998, after having served as vice chairperson under Sune Anderson from 1990 to 1994
- ✓ In 1990 - 91 he was member of the FIG Task Force lead by Niels Østergaard preparing the FIG policy paper on Sustainable Development – A Challenge and Responsibility for Surveyors
- ✓ In 1999 he took an active part in preparing the “Bathurst Declaration on Land Administration for Sustainable Development”
- ✓ As a result of his involvement with the above mentioned FIG activities related to sustainable development, he was asked to chair the FIG Task Force that prepared the FIG policy document “FIG Agenda 21”, adopted in 2001
- ✓ Helge has presented papers at several FIG congresses, PC meetings and workshops, a last one at the FIG – World Bank conference on “Land Governance in Support of the Millennium Development Goals: Responding to New Challenges”, in Washington” March 2009

As a result of his active participation in FIG, Helge was becoming much involved in activities related to the transition to market economies in the countries of Eastern Europe:

- ✓ In 1996 he was elected the first chairperson of the UN ECE Working Party on Land Administration, serving in that position for four years
- ✓ In that capacity he contributed significantly to the preparation of the “UN Guidelines on Land Administration”, being recognised as a valuable reference for the development of the emerging land administration institutions in the countries of Eastern Europe

Helge was for many years member of the board of the Norwegian association of chartered surveyors, not least bringing the international aspects of the profession into conferences and

others activities of the association. In 2006 the Association nominated Helge the first “Surveyor of the Year”.

From his professional career in Norway it should be mentioned that:

- ✓ Helge was project manager for the first digital cadastre database of Norway being implemented from 1980
- ✓ He lead the Committee that prepared the New Law on the Cadastre, which will come into full force from 2010 (without introducing private licensed surveyors to Norway, which Helge was strongly promoting, but finally turned down by the Parliament)
- ✓ Since 2005 Helge has been director of the Centre for Property Rights and Development, being the unit of the Norwegian Mapping Authority (Statens kartverk) responsible for supervising Norwegian aid in the domain of land administration. In that capacity he has been initiating a number of Norwegian funded projects in countries of former Yugoslavia and recently also in countries of former Soviet Union.

To sum up, Helge has made a significant contribution to the development of the surveying profession in Norway, and in extending the professional activities of the association, individual surveyors and of Norwegian institutions to encompass and understand the much wider role of the surveying profession for social and economic development, poverty eradication and sustainable development.

Sincerely,

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