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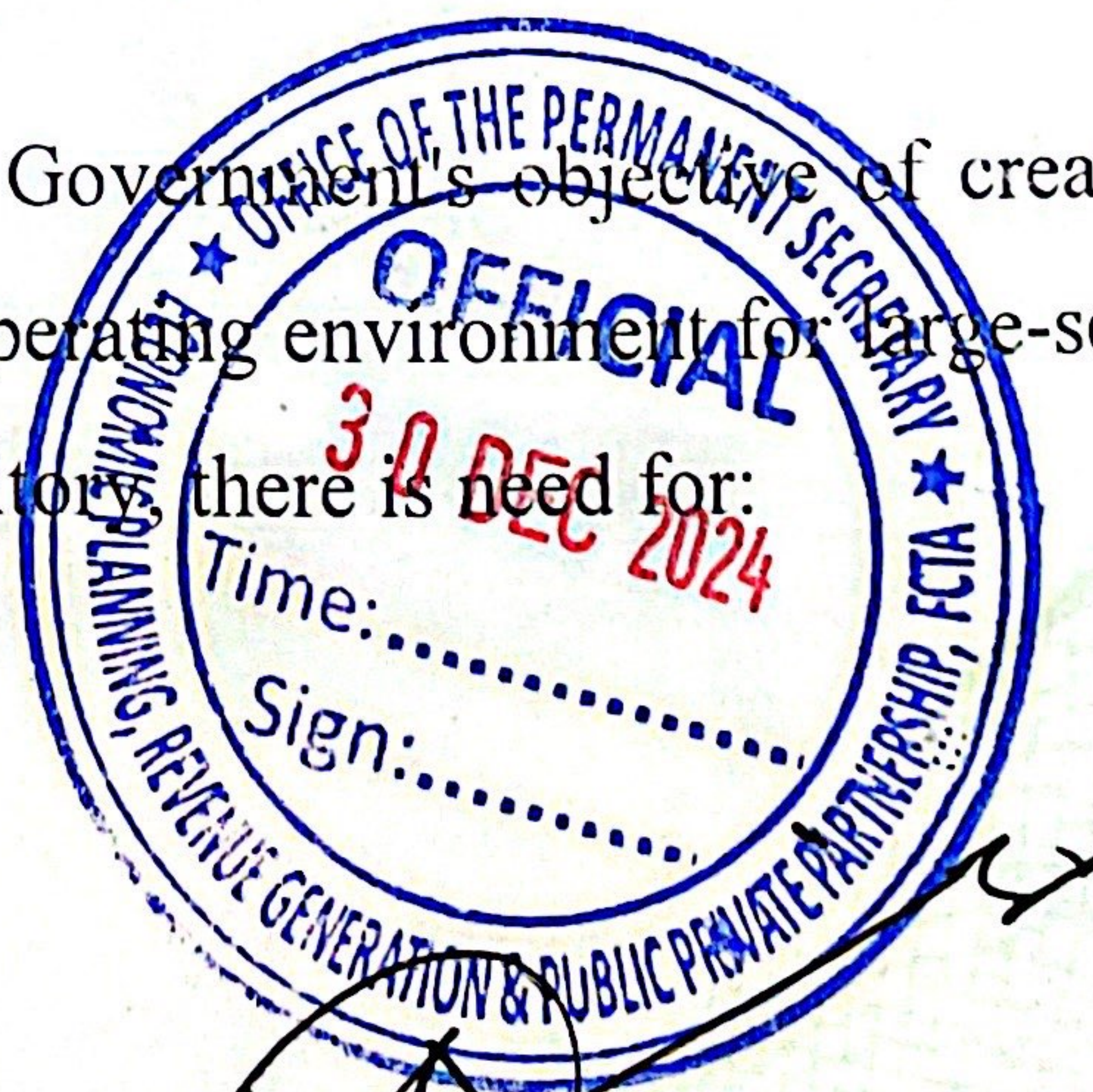
## ESTABLISHMENT, ADOPTION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FRAMEWORK FOR RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE LAND-INTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENTS (FRILIA)

Whereas, Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) in a bid to improve the investment climate intends to develop a Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agricultural Investments (FRILIA). The framework ensures that land acquisition and resettlement for large-scale agribusiness investment are undertaken in line with established international good practices and guarantee shared benefits between private investors and surrounding communities.

Whereas, The Federal Capital Territory Administration is desirous of deepening the FCT's agribusiness reforms including delivering a win-win approach to all the relevant stakeholders on agricultural land matters and investment opportunities

Whereas, FRILIA will enhance access to large-scale investment, gainful employment on large-scale farms, sufficient income, and protection from the volatility of agricultural labour and product markets. The Framework will ensure adherence to guiding principles covering overarching investment, recognition and protection of land rights, FCT land acquisition and resettlement, environmental and social responsibility.

Whereas, In order to achieve Government's objective of creating and enabling, responsible and inclusive business operating environment for large-scale agribusiness investments in the Federal Capital Territory, there is need for:





## ADOPTION OF FRILIA PRINCIPLES

1. Adherence to core principles that mainstream international best practices, such as those based on the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems and related principles and guidance, into the development of agribusiness in the FCT for sustainable economic growth and development. These include, but are not limited to:
  - a. That overarching investment will be consistent with and contribute to the policy objective of the FCT administration;
  - b. The investment will be conducted transparently, avoid or minimize land acquisitions requiring voluntary or involuntary resettlement, minimize adverse effects from land acquisition, ensure a range of inclusive investment and production models are considered, subject the investment to consultation and participation with all potentially affected communities, ensure that the affected communities have opportunity and responsibility to make informed decisions regarding land acquisition, foster gender equality and empowerment of women and youth and lastly, the investment will be monitored.
  - c. Recognize and protect land rights (including customary, informal and rights to common property resources) by safeguarding against dispossession of legitimate tenure rights holders or partial treatment through: prompt payment of adequate compensation in cash, alternative land or other forms of compensation, including supplementation livelihood restoration; and a robust and effective grievance redress mechanism that provides accessible and affordable procedures for third-party settlement of dispute while considering the availability of judicial recourse, community, and traditional dispute resolution mechanisms.





- d. Ensure transparent and fair FCT land acquisition and any resulting resettlement by disclosing and applying consistently, compensation standards as described above. Require that economic and social impacts be identified and addressed with adequate compensation, supplemental livelihood improvement/restoration, public infrastructure and community services option of land replacement, as may be appropriate.
- e. Ensure environmental and social sustainability by observing safeguards against environmental damage. Prior to approval or any final decision to proceed, investments will be subjected to independent assessments of potential positive and negative impacts on tenure rights, food security, livelihood, environment, the rights and/or status of women and youth and physical cultural property. Community, individual and workers safety will be protected as well as ensuring their fair treatment, non-discriminatory and equal treatment.

## **ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FRILIA STEERING COMMITTEE**

1. The constitution of a high-level Steering Committee responsible for the overall coordination of the establishment, adoption, and implementation of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agricultural Investments (FRILIA).
2. The Steering Committee shall be chaired by the Honourable Minister of FCT or Minister of state, while the members will include: Heads of Agencies responsible for land matters, urban planning and development, investment promotion, finance, agriculture and local government.





3. The functions and powers of the Steering Committee shall be to:

- i. Ensure that agri-business investments in FCT are consistent with the FRILIA principles and international best practices, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Promote transparency in agri-business investment in FCT;
  - b. Promote the application of inclusive production models;
  - c. Promote safeguards measures against dispossession of tenure rights holders;
  - d. Monitor the impact of agri-business investment, including the application of compensation standards;
  - e. Promote environmental sustainability;
  - f. Promote gender equality and empowerment of women and youth;
  - g. Review land allocations made to investors on recommendations of the technical committee;
  - h. Approve for adoption a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) and review GRM reports;
- ii. Approve for adoption and implementation a Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agricultural Investments (FRILIA);
- iii. Approve for adoption and dissemination toolkits/guidelines/policies or equivalent to guide investors throughout the development of land-intensive agricultural projects in Federal Capital Territory Administration in a manner consistent with the FRILIA principles and international best practices.
- iv. Co-opt such persons or create such number of committees on the recommendation of the Technical Committee as may be necessary to execute its functions.

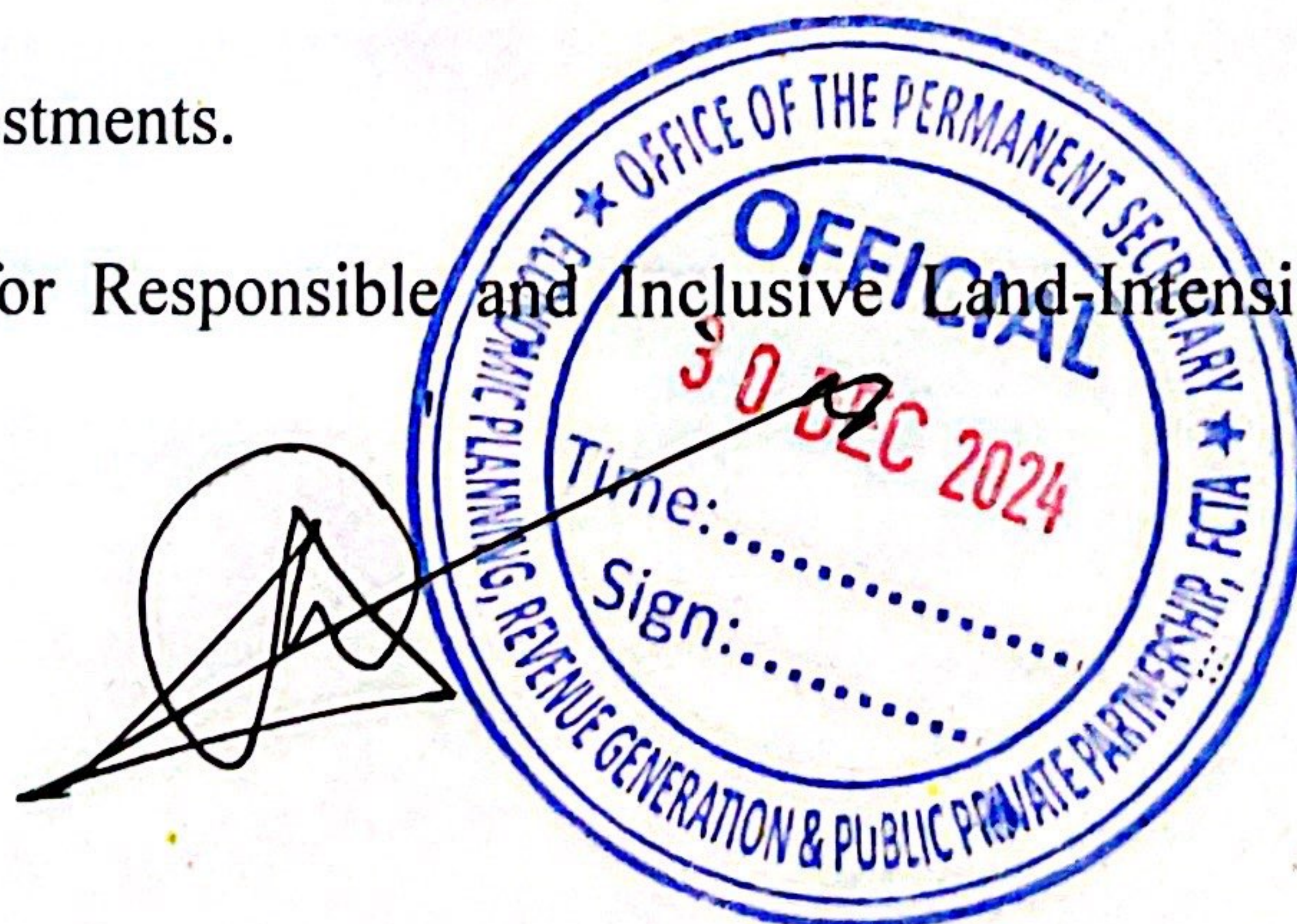




- v. Meet quarterly or as often as may be considered expedient for the effective discharge of its functions to review the progress of the projects, investments and to consider any specific issue(s) that may be directed by the Minister.
- vi. Do such other things considered necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions.

### **ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FRILIA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

- 4. The constitution of a Technical Committee to support the Steering Committee in performing its function and meeting the objective of this Order. The Committee shall include at minimum the head of the FCT MDA (responsible for land, land use, land administration and or /urban planning) and two representatives (one not below the rank of a director and one principal officer) of the of the agencies responsible for land matters, investment promotion, finance, environment, agriculture, justice, local government, urban planning and development
- 5. The function and powers of the Technical Committee shall be to:
  - i. Identify the FCTA's main concerns, priorities and principles related to land-based investments.
  - ii. Conduct stakeholder mapping analysis that identifies all of the relevant stakeholders related to land-based investments.
  - iii. Identify and classify relevant existing and required policies, laws and incentives related to land-based investments.
  - iv. Develop a Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agricultural Investments (FRILIA).





- v. Prepare an implementation plan for FRILIA.
- vi. Establish a framework for community and stakeholder consultations and engagement.
- vii. Develop toolkit/guidelines/policies or equivalent to guide investors throughout the development of land-intensive agricultural projects in Federal Capital Territory that are consistent with the FRILIA principles and international best practices.
- viii. Conduct risk or benefit assessment that will assist the administration in the implementation of agri-business projects/initiatives particularly land-based investment.
- ix. Advise and assist the administration in creating sustainable land-use and agri-business policy.
- x. Monitor all land-based investment in FCT and their compliance with FRILIA.
- xi. Assist the development of a land bank for agri-business investment in FCT, in particular seeking to ensure that acquisition of land for the land bank is done in a manner that is consistent with the FRILIA principles and international best practices.
- xii. Publish periodically information on agri-business investments.
- xiii. Provide a monthly report to the Steering Committee
- xiv. Meet at least every month to consider reports from stakeholders, assigned tasks and any special issue(s) as may be directed by the Steering Committee.
- xv. Perform such other function as the Steering Committee may from time to time deem necessary to achieve its function.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF A GREIVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM

6. The Technical Committee shall develop effective grievance and dispute resolution processes with appropriate appeal mechanisms for claimants, landowners, host communities and investors. The

