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TO

Ms. Lucia Angelucci
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Dear Lucia Angelucci

Warmest greetings from the Association for Realisation of Basic Needs- ARBAN and Bangladesh. Thank you very much for your kind email about our contribution and comments on the EU draft land policy. We have already sent our comments on 10th March and hope that you got it. From our experience and the reality that exists in Bangladesh, we are in the opinion that millennium development goals- MDGs could not be achieved without effective land and agrarian reform. Necessary inputs and supports have to be given to the landless people along with the land titles so that they could retain land with them and do not become landless again. The land rights of the indigenous people and the minorities have to be guaranteed . Got. land in the urban areas has to be given to the slum/street and shanti dwellers . Legal aid and assistance to be provided to the landless rural and urban poor. We hope that you would share our points among your colleagues. Look forward to hearing from you soon. Convey our deep regards to Dr. Bruce Moore and all in the family of your team. Wishing you all the best. Kamal, (Muhammed Kamal Uddin) Coordinator ,ARBAN.