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Part 1 Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement

The Bill should include a broader statement of land rights and responsibilities, as a first step towards developing a proper National Land Policy as recommended by the LRRG. It would also provide an opportunity to endorse the incorporation of relevant UN international guidelines into Scottish law. Any statement of land rights and responsibilities should be debated in Parliament.

Part 2 The Scottish Land Commission

The Land Commission should have a duty to formulate a National Land Policy.

Part 3 Information about the control of land

The Scottish Government should reinstate the requirement that land ownership via corporate entities should be registered with an EU Member State. It is critical to the effectiveness of land reform that this step be taken to improve transparency and counter criminality and tax evasion.

If that measure is in itself insufficient (eg because of trust ownership) the further steps should be taken to improve transparency.