

### **MKF – Formal Statement**

The Mariolopoulos-Kanaginis Foundation for Environmental Sciences (MKF) is a non-profit, non-governmental public welfare institution, established in 1993, now operating under the Greek Ministry of Economy. It mainly focuses on the development of the environmental sciences for the preservation of the environment and humanity's cultural heritage. Along this line, it creates and maintains archives of climatological data, it performs studies of past and present interaction of man and the environment, it conducts or supports research in the environmental field, utilizing and integrating different observational platforms (e.g. EO, in-situ, models), but also organizes and sponsors scientific meetings, lectures, relevant science dissemination events, it proclaims the WMO Professor Mariolopoulos Trust Fund awards and prizes with financial support to young scientists and for recognition of outstanding contributions by professionals in the field of environmental sciences. Since the initial involvement of Greece in GEO and the later establishment of the Greek GEO Office in 2007, MKF has been continuously supporting the obligations of the Greek Principals and the works of the Greek GEO Office, in regular GEO meetings and for their participation in several committees. It has also co-organized and co-funded a significant number of GEO workshops and other relevant international conferences. As an official GEO Participating Organization, the MKF foundation aspires to enhance and co-ordinate further its activities towards promoting GEO's vision in the extended area, putting special emphasis on aspects of national/local to regional significance.