

## CEOS Intervention

*Mister Chairman, Distinguished Ministers,*

*Thank you for giving me the opportunity for addressing this meeting on behalf of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) and its 55 Agencies and associate members.*

*CEOS greatly values its multiple interactions with GEO, and, in its role of coordinator of the space component of the GEOSS, strongly supports the renewal of GEO's mandate. This creates the long term perspective necessary for developing further the GEOSS and its societal benefits.*

*CEOS also supports the five priority areas proposed for GEO activity in the coming decade.*

*CEOS is already engaged in current GEO global initiatives relevant to these priority areas, and assumes that GEO will further develop these initiatives under its next 10-Year Implementation Plan, such that the benefits of investments by GEO members and CEOS agencies can be fully realised.*

*CEOS is fully engaged in further developing the space component of the GEOSS over the next 10 years, and will continue to promote the sharing of comprehensive sets of Earth observation data by the broadest possible community of users, in order to enhance societal benefits and better inform decision making.*

*Thank you.*