

**Keynote Speech at Closing Ceremony of the fourth GEO
Ministerial Summit by GEO Co-Chair Cao Jianlin**

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**Distinguished Ministers of GEO member countries,
Distinguished my colleague GEO co-chairs,
Representatives of GEO member countries and
participating organizations,**

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon!

Today witnesses a landmark conference, as we all agree to adopt the *GEO Mexico City Declaration* and launch the *GEO Strategic Plan 2016-2025*. I would like to express my utmost gratitude to your excellencies ministers, co-chairs and representatives for your instructive suggestions about GEO's future.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The launch and implementation of the *GEO Strategic Plan 2016-2025* will serve as a milestone in the history of GEO and elevate the work of GEO to a higher level. Member countries in

the Asia-Oceania region will keep enhancing their capabilities in earth observation, promote the building of regional GEOSS, push for the establishment of data sharing and service mechanism across the region, and strengthen the capability of earth observation applications in developing countries, thus jointly striving for greater development of GEOSS in this region.

As a developing country, China will draft its GEOSS development plan for the next decade based on the *GEO Mexico City Declaration*, *United Nations 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development*, and *China's National Medium- and Long-term Program for Civil Space Infrastructure*. On the basis of its national GEOSS infrastructure, China will gradually push for the sharing of earth observation data with the rest of the world, enhance data applications by developing countries and share China's accomplishments in the field of earth observation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I once again express my heartfelt thanks to the Mexican government for hosting this Summit, and to the GEO Secretariat GEO for preparing this conference.

Thank you!