

## **[Announcement of Korea, Republic of]**

**Addressed by Dr. Chun Beeho, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Mexico**

Thank you chair,

I greatly appreciate Mexican host for the excellent hospitality and organization of the 2015 GEO Ministerial Summit. My great thanks also goes to the co-chairs of the United States, China, European Commission, and South Africa.

Open data sharing is of great importance to climate change and the open data policy will contribute for the long-term transparent framework by monitoring climate targets through innovative science and technology development. As a member as well as Executive member of GEO, the Republic of Korea strongly advocates to the objectives and strategies of GEO and we empathize the importance of data sharing.

The Asia-Pacific region is particularly vulnerable to increasing natural disasters brought by global climate change, so the contribution of the international community is highly needed. Supported by successful launch and operation of earth observation satellites, the Republic of Korea has actively participated in the International Charter on Space and Major Disasters and has been providing the high resolution satellite image data for

the use of disaster management and restoration. We will continue to cooperate with GEO to significantly contribute to the UN convention on the disaster risk reduction.

The Park Geun-Hye government of the Republic of Korea in the pursue of Government 3.0 has established the legal legislation to make government data accessible to the public. Based on this, national organizations as well as central and local governments are preparing to provide access to their large volume of data. This will have a positive impact on civil society to encourage their participation in the policy making process.

In this circumstance, as a member as well as Executive member, the Republic of Korea agrees with voluntary partnership of GEO, fully supports the GEO Mexico declaration, and commits itself to actively support and participate in the implementation of GEO for the next 10 years.

Thank you.