

Intervention by INDONESIA
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Group on Earth Observations

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

First of all, let me convey a deepest regret from His Excellency, Minister for Environment of Republic of Indonesia, Prof. Balthasar Kambuaya for unable to present here in this important GEO Ministerial Summit. He sent his best regard for the successfully outcomes of this summit.

On behalf of Government of the Republic of Indonesia, I allow me to express our sincere gratitude the Government of Switzerland for its warm hospitality and excellent arrangement in hosting the 10th GEO Plenary Session and Geneva Ministerial Summit 2014 and also our highly appreciation to GEO for its works and continuous efforts in integrating Earth observations. Indonesia is of the view that works on Earth Observations is timely important instruments for sustaining our Planet.

The recent global crisis and numbers of environmental catastrophes thought every of us to pursue our development differently. It is no longer a time to put efforts in gaining economic growth away from achieving environmental goals. As it is evident that water pollution, land degradation, loss of biodiversity, increased of GHG emissions, and other types of pollution and degradation are not solely environmental issues, it is an economic and development challenge. If left unabated, environmental pollution and degradation does not only have the potential of unwinding years of development, but also it has the potential to dramatically affect the future of humankind. These challenges need to be wisely addressed by Governments, Decision makers, and other stakeholders at all level.

Without a doubt, comprehensive, integrated observations and monitoring, data and information on the Earth's and ecosystems changing conditions are required. Indonesia as part of its commitment to the Sustainable Development is developing and enhancing policies and programs on integrating data and information on earth and environment related, as well as to ensure broaden access the data and information for public.

Acknowledging the value of Earth Observations, Indonesia welcome The GEO Geneva Declaration, and wish that renewed GEO works and partnership will expand benefits to sharing, discovery, access and use of Earth observations for better decision making process in the next decade and in sustaining our planet.

Thank you.