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On the behalf of the Government of Croatia, I would like to express sincere appreciation to the Government of Mexico for the excellent hosting of the GEO XII meeting and the GEO 2015 Ministerial Summit.

Croatia is welcoming progress in the GEO and GEOSS performance, which demonstrates impressively that GEOSS has grown in a remarkable system.

Croatia recognizes the needs for the global observations on ground, ocean, air and space domains under the umbrella of the GEOSS and highly appreciates all the actions and achievements of the *2015 GEOSS Strategic Targets*.

Croatia has valuable experience through participation in numerous intergovernmental and international organizations such as are WMO, UNEP, ICSU, IOC, UNESCO, EUROGOOS, EUMETSAT, ECMWF and EUMETNET, which are in charge or related to various global observational networks. On one hand, we could witness suitable observational performance - while on the other - there is still a need for better coordination in a wider range of observations at the global, regional and country level. Here, Croatia recognizes the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as a vital contributor to the GEOSS community through its advanced WMO Integrated System - WIS, and the WMO Integrated Global Observing Systems - WIGOS.

Croatia is looking forward for the continuation of the GEO mission up to 2025, and beyond strongly supporting *GEO Strategic Plan 2016-2025: Implementing GEOSS* along with a *Reference Document* with understanding of the needs to explore steady GEOSS resourcing mechanism and their modifications but still preserving current nature of the partnership within the voluntary framework of GEO.

Croatia strongly supports the *Mexico City Ministerial Declaration* with a high expectation in expansion and interlinking of existing observation systems and developing new technologies, particularly related to space-based and ground-based observations, as way ahead to achieve the GEOSS vision.

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