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Short Statements and Ministerial Endorsement of the Declaration
I.R.of iran

**Mr. Chairman,
Your Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I seize the moment to express the gratitude of the Government of the I.R. of Iran to the government of Mexico, for hosting and the excellent preparation of the Twelfth GEO Plenary Session and the 2015 GEO Ministerial Summit. It is my pleasure to support the Declaration .

The Declaration reminds us strongly of the most essential feature of GEO that is key to its success, and that need to be preserved: its character as an international partnership and cooperation.

I.R. of Iran, firmly believes in GEO as the major international initiative for Earth Observations. It is worth mentioning here that GEO objectives can only be met thorough continued support and global cooperation among GEO members and relevant organizations and programs.

let me assure you that I.R of Iran for its part will do its best to remain a reliable partner in continuation of GEO and highly appreciates all the valuable efforts made by GEO members in improving Earth observations infrastructure, as well as increasing the availability of Earth observations data and information to a wide

range of users, including government, science, industry, and the public both through technological means and through open data policies.

I am confident that this Session is a great opportunity for all of us to assess what has already been achieved and to make plans for the future of GEO in order to optimize its initiatives.

At the end, let me emphasize that GEO is built on the commitment of all of us and needs all Members, Participating Organizations to play an active role in making it a success. Let us work together in the Group on Earth Observations to meet all its stated objectives.

Thank you