

# **Korean Statement**

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Thank you, Chair, Dr. Zheng Guoguang, Administrator of China Meteorological Administration,

Your Excellency, Minister Wan Gang of the Ministry of Science and Technology, People's Republic of China,

And distinguished delegates from GEO Members,

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the government of the People's Republic of China for hosting the 2010 GEO Beijing Ministerial Summit and the 7<sup>th</sup> Plenary session of GEO.

At the midpoint of the GEOSS 10-year implementation plan, I offer my endorsement of the GEO Beijing Declaration which ascertains our progress so far and reaffirms our commitment to the successful implementation of GEOSS by 2015.

I feel that the overarching theme of the Beijing Declaration, 'Observe, Share, Inform', perfectly reflects our shared goal of

establishing a better world through the successful implementation of GEOSS.

Korea established the APEC Climate Center (APCC) in 2005 with the consensus of the APEC member economies. APCC helps enhance capacity building for the monitoring and prediction of climate variability and change in the Asia-Pacific region by sharing high-quality climate data and information as a GEOSS modeling and data processing center.

Korea enacted the 'Weather Observation Standardization Act' as an institutional mechanism to ensure quality in-situ meteorological observations. Through this Act, we seek to contribute to the successful implementation of GEOSS by improving the accuracy of the observation data and promoting data sharing.

Year 2010 marks a major milestone in weather and climate monitoring and observation in Korea. The first Korean geostationary Communication, Ocean and Meteorological Satellite, COMS, was successfully launched on 27<sup>th</sup> June this

year. The satellite is currently in test operation, with a view to initiating official data production and dissemination early next year.

Korea will ensure a substantial contribution to the GEOSS implementation through the dissemination of the COMS data and the enhancement of the capacity building for the East Asian countries.

I believe that GEOSS is a solution to optimizing our resources and abilities in support of the sustainable development in the various societal benefit areas.

Allow me to reiterate my sincere appreciation for the GEO Secretariat and the Chinese government. I have every confidence that the adoption of the Beijing Declaration will add a new momentum for the successful implementation of GEOSS.

Thank you.