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Dear GEO Co-Chairmen:

As current Co-Chairmen of the Integrated Global Observing Strategy Partnership (IGOS-P), we should like to underline the desire of our Partnership to cooperate fully with the GEO Initiative. Attached is a short note that describes the IGOS Partnership and its relevance to your own, laudable efforts. Our objectives appear to be so similar that we take the liberty of suggesting that it would be in our mutual interest to meet in advance of the GEO 2 Baveno meeting, in order to discuss how best to exploit the work that IGOS-P has already carried out.

We suggest that our Secretariats consult to find a mutually convenient time for a short meeting - perhaps at Baveno itself.

Some GEO members and participants may not be fully informed on IGOS-P activities. We would therefore be grateful for a 15-minute slot at GEO-2 with which we could make a concise report on activities of direct relevance to GEO. In the meantime we attach a short explanatory note on IGOS. Further information is available at: <http://www.igospartners.org/>

May we take this opportunity to congratulate you on the GEO Initiative and assure you of our support for your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Withee'.

Greg Withee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dietrich Leihner'.

Dietrich Leihner

Co-Chairs, Integrated Global Observing Strategy Partnership (IGOS-P)

cc: GEO Subgroup Co-Chairmen

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