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Dear IGOS Colleagues:

We strongly encourage your participation and are providing (Attachment 1) the agenda for the IGOS-P-10bis meeting that will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, November 20, 2003, following the CEOS Plenary at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

As agreed at our June 5 IGOS-P-10 meeting in Paris, we will hold this ad hoc meeting to address final reports from the Global Carbon Cycle, Global Water Cycle and GeoHazards Theme Teams, to receive progress reports on the Atmospheric Chemistry and Coastal Themes, and to discuss the FAO-drafted paper on emerging themes. Also, following up on the October 14 IGOS-P discussion we held in Darmstadt on linkages to the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), we expect to have an in-depth discussion of this issue and, as agreed in Darmstadt, to initiate a discussion on the future of the IGOS Partnership. Attachment 2 is the list of action items emanating from our discussion in Darmstadt; Attachment 3 is the 22 October letter sent by the Co-Chairs to the GEO Co-Chairmen with copies to the GEO Subgroup Co-Chairmen; Attachment 4 is the IGOS Information Note and Annex that was attached to the mailing to GEO Co-Chairmen; Attachment 5 is a draft paper for the Colorado IGOS-P-10bis discussion on GEO that was commissioned by the Co-Chairs. Attachment 6 is the FAO paper on emerging Themes. Attachment 7 is the updated Implementation Task Force Report. All documents relating to the Colorado meeting will also be available on the IGOS web site.

Addressing the GEO-related topics at IGOS will be particularly timely in preparation for the meeting we expect to have the following week with the four GEO Chairmen at GEO-2 in Baveno, Italy, and in preparation for the IGOS presentation that will be made at GEO-2.

We look forward to seeing you in Colorado. As CEOS Associates, all IGOS Partners should have received logistical mailings relating to meetings in Colorado Springs. If you require further information or assistance in planning your participation, please contact Judy Carrodeguas (Judy_Carrodeguas@strategies.org).

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