

GEO Comments on the Development of the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

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GENERAL COMMENTS

1. GEO, the Group on Earth Observations, and its space arm, CEOS the Committee on Earth Observations Satellite, thanks the Co-Chairs for having granted observer status to the Organisation. GEO is also grateful with the Co-Chairs for their valuable efforts in preparing the pre-zero draft and for the effective facilitation of the open-ended discussion at the consultative meetings.
2. GEO is fully supportive of the Co-Chairs effort to develop a concise and detailed document for the implementation of the Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. GEO welcomes the references to the access to (Para 14. c) and use of (Para 18, c, and 26, b) Earth observations in the pre-zero draft, and would like to stress the importance of this source of data and related information to make informed decisions about preparing for, preventing and recovering from natural and human-induced disasters.
3. For GEO, the sustained and timely provision of geospatial information better tailored to the real needs of the user communities involved in DRM , from globally-coordinated systems and practitioners for monitoring, predicting, risk assessment, early warning, mitigating and responding to hazards will help to reduce loss of life and property at the local, national and regional level.

DETAILED COMMENTS ON SECTION C

Para 12, after bullet i) insert the following new bullet

- j) Earth Observations and space-based information, in combination with in-situ, social and economic information, are an enabling component of the Disaster Risk Reduction framework and strategies, which include mechanisms to ensure timely access to relevant data, information and applications.*