

## Recognition of New Members

*This Document is submitted to the GEO-XII Plenary for information and recognition of four new Member Governments joining GEO since GEO-XI.*

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- 96<sup>th</sup> Member: The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, effective 11 November 2014;
- 97<sup>th</sup> Member: The Republic of Ecuador, effective 19 December 2014;
- 98<sup>th</sup> Member: The Republic of Zimbabwe, effective 12 May 2015; ~~and~~
- 99<sup>th</sup> Member: The Federal Republic of Somalia, effective 26 August 2015; ~~and~~
- 100<sup>th</sup> Member: The Republic of Kenya, effective 8 October 2015.

Total Member Governments: ~~98~~9 Countries + the European Commission.

## APPENDIX 1

Dr Barbara Ryan  
Director  
GEO Secretariat  
7 bis, Avenue de la Paix  
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Switzerland

November 11, 2014

Dear Dr Ryan,

It is my honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of Vietnam, made on November 06, 2014 to become a Member of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

To this end, the Government of Vietnam adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

In particular, as stated in this Resolution,

The Government of Vietnam endorses the 10-Year Implementation Plan as the basis for establishing a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to fulfil user requirements among various socio-economic benefit areas, while noting with appreciation the extensive supporting information compiled in the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan Reference Document.

The Government of Vietnam also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan.

Please find enclosed the form for the designation of Principal Representatives and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Pham Anh Tuan

No. 2102 /VHL-HTQT

*Hanoi, November 06th 2014*

On register member of GEO



**Address to: Vietnam National Satellite Center**

In response to official Document No.319/TTVTQG, dated October 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 of Vietnam National Satellite Center, the President of Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology decides:

- Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology agrees for Vietnam National Satellite Center to register to become member of GEO.
- Vietnam National Satellite Center has the responsibility of paying any fee for the implementation of GEO activities including membership dues (if any).
- When implementing activities of GEO Group, VNSC is requested to comply with regulations of Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology and according to the law in force of Vietnam.

*Send to:*

- As above;
- President (to report);
- Archive: VT, HTQT

**FOR THE PRESIDENT  
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION DEPARTMENT**

**(signed and Sealed)**

**NINH KHAC BAN**



**Misión Permanente del Ecuador  
ante la ONU y otros Organismos Internacionales  
Ginebra - Suiza**

Dr Barbara Ryan  
Director  
GEO Secretariat  
7 bis, Avenue de la Paix  
1211 Geneva 2  
Switzerland

Geneva, 19 December, 2014

Dear Dr Ryan,

It is my honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of Ecuador, made on 19 December 2014, to become a Member of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

To this end, the Government of Ecuador adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

In particular, as stated in this Resolution,

The Government of Ecuador endorses the 10-Year Implementation Plan as the basis for establishing a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to fulfil user requirements among various socio-economic benefit areas, while noting with appreciation the extensive supporting information compiled in the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan Reference Document.

The Government of Ecuador also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan.

Please find enclosed the form for the designation of Principal Representatives and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Alfonso Morales Suarez,  
Ambassador,  
Charge de Affairs a.i.  
Permanent Mission of Ecuador to UNOG.





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**Ref:**

12 May 2015

Dr Barbara Ryan  
Director - GEO Secretariat  
7 bis, Avenue de la Paix  
1211 Geneva 2  
**SWITZERLAND**

Dear Dr Ryan

It is my honour to inform you that the Government of Zimbabwe, represented by the Research Council of Zimbabwe has decided to become a member of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

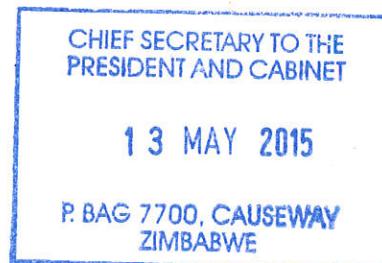
To this end, the Government of Zimbabwe adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

The Government of Zimbabwe also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan. Please find enclosed the form for both the Principal and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Dr M. J. M. Sibanda

**CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET**





**Federal Republic of Somalia**  
**Ministry of Energy & Water Resources**  
**Office of the Minister**

Ref: WTKHB / XW / 086/15

Date: 26 August, 2015

**Director**  
**GEO Secretariat**  
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**Switzerland**

Dear Dr Ryan,

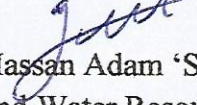
It is my honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of Federal Republic of SOMALIA, made on 26 August 2015 to become a Member of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

To this end, the Government of Federal Republic of SOMALIA adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

In particular, as stated in this Resolution, The Government of the Federal Republic of SOMALIA endorses the 10-Year Implementation Plan as the basis for establishing a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to fulfill user requirements among various socio-economic benefit areas, while noting with appreciation the extensive supporting information compiled in the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan Reference Document.

The Government of the Federal Republic of SOMALIA also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan.

Please find enclosed the form for the designation of Principal Representatives and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,  
  
H.E Mr. Mohamed Hassan Adam 'Shahiyow'  
Minister of Energy and Water Resources





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Dr. Barbara Ryan,  
Director,  
GEO Secretariat,  
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**SWITZERLAND**

Dear

**MEMBERSHIP TO GROUP OF EARTH OBSERVATIONS**

It is my honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of Kenya to become a Member of the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations.

To this end, the Government of Kenya adopts the Resolution of the Third Earth Observation Summit, which established GEO, and affirms its intention to take those steps necessary to implement the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS).

In particular, as stated in this Resolution, The Government of Kenya endorses the 10-Year Implementation Plan as the basis for establishing a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to fulfil user requirements among various socio-economic benefit areas, while noting with appreciation the extensive supporting information compiled in the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan Reference Document.

The Government also affirms its intention to provide the support necessary to execute the GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan.

Please find enclosed the form for the designation of Principal Representatives and Alternate Representatives for your consideration.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Wamalwa', written in a cursive style. The signature starts with a large 'E' and ends with a flourish.

**HON. EUGENE L. WAMALWA, EGH**  
**CABINET SECRETARY**