GEO Task Force 2
Preparation of the Progress Report
to the Ministerial Summit

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Schedule

March 15, 2007: Submission by Canada distributed
April 11-12, 2007: First Meeting in Geneva,
discussion of early achievements, template for reporting of early
   achievements, overarching theme for report: vulnerability of society,
three themes identified (water, health, biodiversity),
April 13-20, 2007: development of themes in subgroups (Plag: water)
May 15, 2007: Interim Draft *(very different from discussions/input)*
June 4-5, 2007: Second Meeting in Geneva
June 7, 2007: Version 2.5 distributed to Task Force 2
June 12, 2007: Comments on Version 2.5 due
June 15, 2007: Version 3 of Report *(very different from Version 2.5)*
July 15, 2007: Version 4 of Report to GEO Principals
August 31, 2007: Comments on Version 4 due
September 5-6: Third Meeting of Task Force (only if needed)
September 14: Version 5
September 28: Comments on version 5 due
Mid October: Final version

Version 3

Preamble

Executive Summary (tba)

Section I: Introduction (history, GEO and other Initiatives, Aims of GEOSS)

Section II: Early Achievements (Organization and Governance, Community Mobilization, Cross-cutting initiatives, technologies and systems, Capacity building, Key initiatives for SBAs)

Section III: GEO as an Integrating Process – Reducing Vulnerability from Environmental Change

- Impact of climate change on sustainable development
- Water Security for Society and the Biosphere
- Changing Land Use and Biodiversity
- Impact of Environment on Health
- The Challenge (Coastal Zone as example of cross-links eliminated)

Section IV: Conclusion/Way Forward

Call for Action

- ... ensure timely, global and open access to share data and products
- Observations need to be complemented, improved, and sustained
- Modeling and prediction capabilities need to be improved and expanded
- ... renewed commitment for capacity building