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Subject: Official Review – GEO 2009-2011 Work Plan Version 2 (V2)

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to present you with the GEO 2009-2011 Work Plan Version 2 and invite your official comments. This official review will be conducted by GEO Members and Participating Organizations (through GEO Principals). Based on the outcome of this review, and the recommendations made by the GEO Committees and C4 in September, the Secretariat will prepare the 2009-2011 Work Plan Version 3, to be submitted to the GEO-V Plenary on 19-20 November for review and acceptance as a living document.

The 2009-2011 Work Plan Version 2 that we are presenting today incorporates the technical comments and proposals received from the GEO community during the period July to August 2008. It proposes a new section on governance – including a description of the evolving role of GEO Committees and the procedures for Task management. In addition it refines the definition and distribution of Tasks further linking related Tasks and bringing strategic overarching objectives to ongoing activities – while ensuring continuity.

The current version, submitted for your review, contains 36 overarching Tasks (compared with 73 Tasks in the 2007-2009 Work Plan). As in Version 1, this reduction of the number of Tasks was achieved by (1) closing inactive or completed 2007-2009 Tasks, (2) merging related Tasks into more encompassing Tasks and sub-Tasks, (3) assigning activities to GEO Committee. Annex II provides a detailed description of how the Tasks have evolved from the 2007-2009 Work Plan to the 2009-2011 Work Plan.

Please send your comments to secretariat@geosec.org by 3 October 2008.

Looking forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely

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