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Dear Ms. St. Germain,

Chairing of the Working Group on Capacity Building and Data Democracy (WGCapD)
of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS)

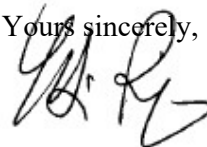
I thank you for your kind words on the contribution by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) to WGCapD of CEOS and, especially, on Mr. Jorge del Rio Vera. With the Office being a member of WGCapD for numerous years, I am happy to have received your invitation to bring this collaboration to a higher level.

After consideration of the implications and of the associated commitments of CEOS' offer to UNOOSA to Chair the Working Group for a period of 2 years, I am pleased to inform you that we welcome this opportunity, and that Mr. del Rio Vera is available if the Committee and the WGCapD membership is to confirm his nomination.

The Office will also highly appreciate your support in helping to meet the financial obligations of the chairmanship, as our regular budget is limited and challenging when it comes to travels or to host international meetings and events.

I thank you again for your offer and look forward to the final decision of CEOS and on your guidance for Mr. del Rio Ver to lead WGCapD over the next few years.

Yours sincerely,



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