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Via email

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Dear Dr. Apaphant,

As an active member of CEOS, the UK wishes to acknowledge the fantastic work of the Committee as the primary international coordinating body for space-based Earth Observation activities.

In advance of the CEOS Plenary in Thailand, and consistent with the commitment of CEOS for geographic rotation of the Chair role, I am pleased to provide you with the UK Space Agency's self-nomination for the role of CEOS Chair from the Europe and Africa region, effective for one-year commencing from the conclusion of the 2024 CEOS Plenary to the conclusion of the 2025 CEOS Plenary.

The role of the CEOS Chair is to provide strategic guidance and executive management of CEOS, and the UK Space Agency pays due regard to the significant commitment that this will entail, not only in 2024/25, but throughout the three-year membership of the Troika.

I would like to extend my thanks to GITSDA for its leadership as the current CEOS Chair, and look forward to setting out our ambitions and priorities for the year at the Plenary in November.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul S Bate".

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