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Reply to Attn of:

SMD/Earth Science Division

TO: Dr. Pakorn Apaphant  
Chair, Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS)  
Executive Director, Geo-Informatics and Space Technology  
Development Agency (GISDTA)

Dear Dr. Apaphant:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is pleased to present its self-nomination in representation of the Americas region for the role of CEOS Strategic Implementation Team (SIT) Vice Chair for the two-year period commencing at the close of the 2023 CEOS Plenary. Consistent with CEOS governance, this role would be followed by a two-year period in 2026-2027 as CEOS SIT Chair, concluding at the 2027 CEOS Plenary.

As SIT Vice Chair in 2024-2025, we look forward to working with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) during its term as SIT Chair. As SIT Chair in 2026-2027, NASA will work across CEOS to provide leadership and strategic guidance on the advancement of the CEOS mission, its organizational priorities, and partnerships with stakeholders.

As a founding member of CEOS, NASA welcomes the opportunity to self-nominate for this four-year commitment, and we thank the 2023 CEOS Plenary for its consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen M. St. Germain".

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Karen M. St. Germain, Ph.D.  
Director, Earth Science Division  
NASA Science Mission Directorate

cc:

Ms. Simonetta Cheli, CEOS SIT Chair  
Mr. Takeshi Hirabayashi, CEOS SIT Vice Chair  
Dr. Marie-Claire Greening, CEOS Executive Officer