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Dear Dr Held

The South African National Space Agency (SANSA) is pleased to submit its self-nomination, representing the Europe/Africa Region, for the role of CEOS Chair for 2028, effective for one year, commencing at the conclusion of the 2027 CEOS Plenary and ending at the conclusion of the 2028 CEOS Plenary. SANSA further commits to supporting the successive CEOS Chairs for 2029 and 2030 through its participation in the Troika.

SANSA fully understands the responsibilities associated with the CEOS Chair role and hereby commits to providing strategic direction, effective leadership, and efficient executive management of CEOS throughout the 2028 chairmanship and the broader three-year Troika period.

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My team looks forward to the opportunity to contribute to the continued advancement of CEOS priorities and to working collaboratively with member agencies to strengthen the global coordination of Earth observation activities.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by:
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