**Draft CEOS Commitments for WCDRR, March 31,2014**

CEOS (Committee on Earth Observation Satellites) commitments for DRR address both the short-term prevention of disasters by providing rapid monitoring during the response phase, and the long-term reduction of disaster risks by providing effective measures for the preparedness and reconstruction phases. CEOS commitments span global, regional, and national/local scales.

The CEOS commitments include;

1. **Close Collaboration with major stakeholders - Long-term Plan in response to HFA2 priorities**

CEOS intends to work in partnership with major stakeholders including UN organizations, international relief agencies, leading international and regional development banks, and national civil protection agencies, local governments, and other end users, in order to define and implement a detailed decadal plan of actions (2015-20125) that respond to the key priorities for risk reduction at global and regional levels, in line with HFA2. All actors from the observation data providers to the end users, including entities capable of transforming satellite data into high-level information tailored to end users’ needs will be involved.

The data and information derived from satellite EO provides unique value and complements other traditional data and information sources. Satellite EO offers consistent coverage and scope to provide a synoptic overview of large areas, repeated regularly. Satellite EO can be used to compare risk across different countries, day and night, in all weather conditions, and in trans-boundary areas. The data offer a unique means for monitoring the progress of the HFA2 implementation, using globally comparable metrics. Through CEOS, space agencies can coordinate the operations of all its satellite EO to ensure timely observations and delivery of information to end users.

1. **Full cycle of DRM support at global and regional/local scales**

CEOS will implement pilot demonstrators during 2014-2016 to demonstrate how satellite data and derived information can be useful to the full cycle of disaster risk management for seismic hazards, volcanoes and floods to start with, at global and regional/local scales. Representatives of the user communities are participating to the definition and implementation of the pilots. The long-term vision is to transition to the sustained provision of data and services.

CEOS has recently established a new Working Group on Disasters to implement and verify progress of its space based EO missions and services to support DRR. The progress of CEOS activities will be reported via the HFA2 monitoring and reporting system.