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Dear Mr. Eduardo F.J. de Mulder,

In deference to the wishes you sent to Organization Committee of the Conference "Earth and Space Sciences for Society" (June 25 - 27, 2007, Kiev, Ukraine) about the establishing of the National Committee for the International Year of Planet Earth in Ukraine and on the base of appropriate decision of the Conference Program Committee Ukrainian Earth Science community appeals to National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine for support this idea.

I'm glad to inform you that according to the decision of Presidium of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine from April 11, 2007 the establishing of National Committee for the International Year of Planet Earth in Ukraine have been adopted. Managerial work on the National Committee formation is imposed to Earth Sciences Branch of our Academy. As the Head of this Branch I have been elected to Committee Chairman position.

Besides, the provisional list of National Committee members was discussed and preliminary arranged as well as the IYPE national action plan was drafted. We, in particular, plan to organize during this and next years few conferences on issues of IYPE covering geology, climate, disasters, space applications and information technologies in geo-sciences, etc.

In this context I would be appreciated of your kind advises and recommendations concerning the harmonization of our activity with the IYPE events. Also we could be glad to accept your vision of optimal composition and structure of National Committee. Finally let me ask you to suggest the necessary steps to joint the IYPE program officially.

Wait for your opinion and comments thanking you in anticipation.

Cordially Yours,

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Year of Planet Earth in Ukraine,
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