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## President's Statement on Earth Observation Summit

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The United States is pleased to host more than 30 nations at the Earth Observation Summit. participants will discuss plans for achieving the goal of building a better integrated earth obse system in the next 10 years, an objective established by the G-8 Heads of State in Evian, Fr 2003. An integrated earth observation system will benefit people around the world, particular the Southern Hemisphere. Working together, our nations will develop and link observation te for tracking weather and climate changes in every corner of the world, which will allow us to r informed decisions affecting our environment and economies. Our cooperation will enable us the capability to predict droughts, prepare for weather emergencies, plan and protect crops, r coastal areas and fisheries, and monitor air quality.

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