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To whom it may concern,

Letter of Interest with respect to THAW: *“Trends and Hazards in Arctic Warming: Climate change and greenhouse gas emissions from Arctic permafrost regions”*

I am writing to state my strong support for the proposed THAW project to be submitted under the EU 7 Framework Programme. The goal of the proposal is to improve the understanding of the vulnerability of Arctic permafrost to climate change, and estimate the implications of this on the global greenhouse gas concentrations and the future climate. We consider the proposed project as very valuable to our activities in the field of climate and particularly climate adaptation.

This project is especially significant in improving collaboration between the permafrost scientific communities, the atmospheric scientific communities and the climate prediction communities.

Its multidisciplinary dimension is very much in line with the cross-cutting approach that GEOSS will provide to tackle complex and multifaceted problems such as climate adaptation.

This project will clearly be a significant contribution to GEOSS 10-year Implementation Plan's achievement.

Yours sincerely,



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