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Observations of the Earth are increasingly important to the functioning of society. The information derived from Earth observations enhances business productivity, protects our health and safety, and promotes effective utilization of resources. Weather alone effects a third of all economic activity, and environmental issues directly influence a wide variety of public and private sector activities. With communication and transportation rapidly shrinking the world, the cooperation of all nations in establishing a global approach to Earth observation is critical to our future.

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