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MEDIA ADVISORY

U.S. TO HOST INTERNATIONAL EARTH OBSERVATION SUMMIT

On Thursday, July 31, 2003, senior administration officials and representatives from nearly 25 nations will meet in Washington, D.C., to establish plans for an integrated international Earth observation system. This new system will provide key scientific data that helps to address global economic, social and scientific challenges.

Bringing together ministerial-level representatives from the G-8 and other countries with an interest and significant role in observing systems as well as representatives from the World Bank, and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the summit promises to raise visibility for the issue with international decision-makers and ensure a new level of cooperation and investment in Earth observing systems.

WHAT: Senior administration officials will host ministerial-level representatives from nearly 25 nations to establish plans for an international Earth observation system.

WHERE: U.S. Department of State
23rd Street entrance - for media
Washington, D.C.

WHEN: Thursday, July 31, 2003
Media registration 7:30-8:30 a.m. EDT
Summit 8:45 a.m. - 2:50 p.m. EDT

WHO: Spencer Abraham, secretary of energy; Don Evans, secretary of commerce; Colin Powell, secretary of state; Sean O'Keefe, NASA administrator; John Marburger, science advisor to the president; and James Connaughton, chairman, White House Council on Environmental Quality.

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