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Dear Dr. Parashur:

I would like to offer my strong endorsement of the proposed “Global Early Warning System (GEWS) with Cloud Computing Technology” submitted by Professor Harold P. Sjursen, Ph.D. of the UNESCO International Center for Engineering Education of the Polytechnic Institute of New York University and Professor Takeshe Utsumi, Ph.D. , Chairman of the GLObal Systems Analysis and Simulation Association.

This proposal speaks to several emerging situations and possibilities. It is important that major indices are developed and maintained and that gaps are filled where coverage is incomplete. It is also important that current and future decision makers in countries both developed and developing have an opportunity to work with the best technologies and methodologies for investigating and choosing among alternatives for action. The new opportunities for interconnected information sharing and coordinated action provided by advances in cloud computing are a particular advantage to these initiatives.

The application of these tools is valuable both for making decisions and for resolving conflicts where there are different perspectives and positions. More and better information often provides results that show that positions that seemed, at first glance, to be oppositional were not mutually exclusive – that they were both/and rather than either/or possibilities.

I offer my wholehearted support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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