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Dear Professors Han and Park,

**United Nations Workshops on
Basic Space Science (BSS, 1991-2004)
International Heliophysical Year 2007 (IHY 2007, 2005-2009) and
International Space Weather Initiative (ISWI, 2010-2012)**

United Nations General Assembly resolutions noted with satisfaction the contributions made by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) and the efforts of Member States and the Office for Outer Space Affairs to promote and support activities organized within the framework of IHY 2007 and its continuation as ISWI. The IHY 2007 and ISWI are part of the United Nations Basic Space Science Initiative (UNBSSI) that started in 1991, particularly for the benefit of developing nations, with the first annual workshop on basic space science approved by the UN General Assembly as part of the activities of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications for 1991.

This letter of appreciation is to recall the outstanding organization of the 2009 UN BSS & IHY Workshop, hosted by the Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute (KASI), on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, from 21 to 25 September 2009 at Daejeon, Republic of Korea. This Workshop was the 17th workshop in the UNBSSI and reviewed all achievements of this initiative over the period of time from 1991 to 2009. The workshop concluded the observation of the International Heliophysical Year 2007 and made contributions to the International Year of Astronomy 2009 (IYA 2009).

Still available on the World-Wide-Web, an unprecedented series of events and documents developed by KASI for this Workshop will stand as a testament for international cooperation in the spirit of the United Nations for years to come:

Workshop Website: <http://bssihy.kasi.re.kr/>

Workshop Newsletter: http://bssihy.kasi.re.kr/unbssw_newsletter.aspx

Workshop Brochure and Poster: http://bssihy.kasi.re.kr/unbssw1_5.aspx

Workshop Programme: <http://bssihy.kasi.re.kr/unbssw202.aspx>

I am taking this opportunity to recall the success of this Workshop and to thank all colleagues from KASI, on behalf of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, for organizing this unique activity under the umbrella of the United Nations.

Very sincerely yours,



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