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Attachment:  
(1) UN Document 967E (14 pages; 249 KB pdf).

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Dear ISWI Participant:

This issue covers two topics:  
(1) Document 967E from the United Nations.  
(2) ISWI Organization In Each Country.

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(1) Document from the United Nations.

Dr Hans Haubold (United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs) requested me to circulate the attached UN document for your perusal. This document has been circulated to all member States of UNCOPUOS, whose Scientific and Technical Subcommittee is now in session in Vienna.

If you read the Introduction, you will see that the General Assembly of the United Nations has formally endorsed the "International Space Weather Initiative" (Resolution 64/86 of 10 December 2009). So, dear reader, ISWI is now an official function of the United Nations !

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(2) ISWI Organization In Each Country.

I believe one goal of ISWI is to encourage ISWI organization in each country. This means, it is hoped that each participating nation will (within a few weeks) designate one person to be "ISWI National Coordinator", and also form an ISWI National Committee. With some organization in place, a variety of planning can take place. Events/meetings can be organized and a national ISWI web site can be established, for example.

As an example of a national ISWI web site, this is Japan's:  
<<http://www2.nict.go.jp/y/y223/sept/ISWI/ISWI.html>>  
(Of course, this web site is in the Japanese language.)

I personally hope that each country will tap into the enormous talents of its young scientists, engineers, and students. A young adult is perfect for creating a national ISWI web site. Fire up their imagination on the matter of advancing space science and technology via international cooperation --- and then don't hold them back.

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