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Product: Daily Forecast of Geomagnetic Activity  
Issued: 2023 December 18 06:04UTC  
Prepared by the Athens Space Weather Forecasting Center  
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**I. Solar activity**  
*--Current Status*  
Solar Flux (10.7cm) measured on 17.12.2023 at 23:00 UTC was 155 sfu.  
The background X-Ray flux is at the class C1.4 level.  
No obviously Earth directed CMEs were observed in available LASCO imagery on December 10-12.  
A coronal hole (CH1193) at northern hemisphere was Earth facing on December 14-16.  
---CME arrival forecast  
A full halo CME was observed on December 14 at 17:38 UT. The source is a X2.8 class solar flare from AR13514 (N05W54) peaking on December 14 at 17:02 UT. This CME was expected to reach Earth between on December 16 at 17:09 UT and on December 17 at 07:35 UT according to EAM predictions.  
  
**II. Solar Energetic Particle Events**  
Protons and electrons fluxes are quiet.  
  
**III. Interplanetary and Geomagnetic conditions**  
The solar wind speed measured by ACE satellite reached the max value 547 Km/s on December 17 at 09:35 UT during the last 24 hours.  
The solar wind speed from STEREO A was detected 600 Km/s during the last 24 hours.  
The vertical component of IMF Bz reached the max value -13 nT on December 17 at 13:10 UT during the last 24 hours.  
The geomagnetic field was at unsettled to minor storm (G1) levels during the last 24 hours.  
The Kp index now is at unsettled levels with Kp=3.  
The Dst index reached the value -83 nT on December 17 at 17:00 UT during the last 24 hours.  
  
**IV. 3-day Geomagnetic Activity Forecast**  
The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet to active levels with a chance of minor storm (G1) levels on December 18-19 due to the effects of coronal hole high speed stream and at quiet to unsettled levels on December 20.

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| **Date** | **Ap index forecast** | **Geomagnetic Activity level** |
| 18.12.2023 | 15 | Quiet to Active |
| 19.12.2023 | 15 | Quiet to Active |
| 20.12.2023 | 10 | Quiet to Unsettled |

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