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RELEASE OF THE OPCW CENTRAL ANALYTICAL DATABASE ON DVD

1. The Technical Secretariat wishes to inform Member States of the latest release of the OPCW Central Analytical Database (OCAD) on DVD. The DVD contains electronic version 7 (e-OCAD v.7) and portable data format version 9 (PDF-OCAD v.9). The on-site analytical database, OS-e-OCAD v.7, has also been included. These versions of the OCAD were prepared in accordance with a decision entitled "Proposed Mechanism for Updating the OPCW Central Analytical Database" (EC-IV/DEC.2, dated 5 September 1997), which was adopted by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter "the Conference") at its Second Session (subparagraph 11.2(c) of C-II/8, dated 5 December 1997). The database was certified in accordance with a decision entitled "Authentication and Certification Procedure for the OPCW Central Analytical Database and On-Site Databases", which was adopted by the Conference at its Sixth Session (C-VI/DEC.4, dated 17 May 2001).
2. E-OCAD v.7 contains mass-spectrometry data (MS spectra), while PDF-OCAD v.9 contains mass-spectrometry (MS), infrared-spectrometry, and nuclear-magnetic-resonance spectrometry data, as well as gas-chromatography retention indices. OS-e-OCAD v.7 contains MS data and retention indices in a combined format, and is used with OPCW equipment for on-site analysis.
3. These databases have been updated with those data on chemicals that were approved for inclusion in the OCAD by the Executive Council at its Thirty-Eighth and Fortieth Sessions (EC-38/DEC.10, dated 13 October 2004, and EC-40/DEC.9, dated 16 March 2005).
4. Copies of the DVD are available upon request from the documentation counter at OPCW headquarters.

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