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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT**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 version 11_2008 of the portable data format (PDF) of the OCAD, electronic version mass-spectrometry (MS) data, and electronic infrared-spectrometry (IR) data, all of which were released in December 2008. The on-site analytical database, OS-e-OCAD v.11, can also be found on the DVD. This version of the OCAD—prepared in accordance with a decision entitled “Proposed Mechanism for Updating the OPCW Central Analytical Database” (EC-IV/DEC.2, dated 5 September 1997) and adopted by the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) at its Fourth Session—was subsequently 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 the decision, “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.11_2008 contains MS data (MS spectra), as well as gas-chromatography retention indices (GC-RI), which are in a combined format and are used with OPCW equipment for on-site analysis.
3. These databases have been updated with data on chemicals that was approved for inclusion in the OCAD by the Council at its Forty-Ninth (EC-49/DEC.4, dated 27 June 2007), Fifty-First (EC-51/DEC.2, dated 27 November 2007), Fifty-Third (EC-53/DEC.13 and EC-53/DEC.14, both dated 25 June 2008), and Fifty-Fourth Sessions (EC-54/DEC.4, dated 14 October 2008).
4. Copies of the DVD are available upon request from the documentation counter at OPCW Headquarters.
5. From this version on, both versions of the OCAD (PDF-OCAD and e-OCAD) will be released under a single version number, including both the version number and the certification date.

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