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To: Heads of Delegations to the Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology

Cc: Working Group on Good Laboratory Practice
Working Group of National Coordinators of the Test Guidelines Programme
Working Group on Pesticides
Observer Countries
BIAC, TUAC, EEB
National Delegations

Dear Sir/Madam,

Full Adherence of Israel to MAD Council Decisions

I am pleased to inform you that on 17 January 2005, Israel accepted the invitation of the Council to become a full adherent to the OECD Council Acts related to the Mutual Acceptance of Data in the Assessment of Chemicals and to join that part of the Chemicals Programme related to MAD, with all of the rights and obligations of member countries. This means that Israel – like South Africa and Slovenia – now takes part as a full member in Session B of the Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology and in the Working Groups on Good Laboratory Practice and of National Test Guidelines Coordinators.

Israel will continue to take part as an Observer in Session A of the Joint Meeting and in selected sub-groups.

The major implication of Israel's full adherence to the MAD system is that non-clinical health and environmental safety data generated in Israel under the conditions of the 1981 and 1989 Council Acts must be accepted by member countries and other adhering countries for the purposes of assessment and other uses related to the protection of man and the environment.

In order for the MAD system to continue to function smoothly, I encourage you to inform all the receiving authorities in your country of this agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Visser