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NOTE VERBALE DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 2006 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE PROPOSING FOR DISCUSSION AT THE CONFERENCE'S SESSION IN 2007 THE SUBJECT OF BURIAL BY ISRAEL OF NUCLEAR WASTE IN THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament.

The Syrian Mission requests that this communication be issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

President of the Conference on Disarmament

Subject: Burial by Israel of nuclear waste in the occupied Syrian Golan

Date: 15 September 2006

I am writing to you in response to the invitation that you addressed to delegations to the Conference on Disarmament to propose subjects for discussion at the 2007 session of the Conference.

The delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic should like to propose the subject of "Burial by Israel of nuclear waste in the occupied Syrian Golan" for discussion at the Conference's current and forthcoming sessions. Many media reports and witness accounts by Syrian citizens in the occupied Golan indicate that Israel has been burying nuclear waste there for years, in flagrant violation of all international conventions and laws.

The delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic requests that this issue be discussed under item 2 of the agenda, entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters", and that the present letter be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed): Khalil Bitar

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