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The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) presents its compliments to the Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations in Geneva and has the honour to invite Missions to the annual briefing on the outreach and information services of ReliefWeb and the Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN). The briefing will take place from 10:30 to 12:00 on Thursday, 7 February 2008 in Room XXIII (Door 40, 1st floor), Palais des Nations, Geneva.

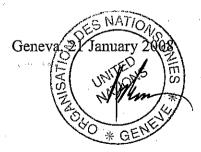
OCHA is a leading international provider of information on the humanitarian impact of disasters and emergencies. Thanks to the outreach efforts of ReliefWeb (www.reliefweb.int) and IRIN (www.irinnews.org) to humanitarian decision makers and the wider public, OCHA helps to enhance awareness of humanitarian crises and solidarity worldwide.

IRIN and ReliefWeb colleagues will brief on their roles and recent achievements as well as present their 2008 priorities. A tentative agenda is attached.

Confirmation of participation or requests for further information may be made through the IRIN Geneva Office at <u>irinnews@un.org</u> or telephone +41 22 917 11 35.

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Permanent and Observer Missions in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Agenda

- 1. Introductory words by Chair Mr. Gerhard Putman-Cramer, Chief, Emergency Services Branch and Deputy Director, OCHA Geneva
- 2. ReliefWeb: What it can offer and priorities for 2008 Mr. Mark McCarthy, Project Manager, ReliefWeb Geneva
- 3. IRIN: Its services and priorities for 2008 Ms. Katarina Toll Velasquez, Donor and External Relations Officer, IRIN Geneva
- 4. Comments and questions from the floor
- 5. Projection of IRIN Film
- 6. Concluding remarks and closing.