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Dear Mr. Gonzalez, Dr. Banks, and Dr. Mendoza:

Consistent with provisions of the Montreal Protocol and of Decision IX/6, the United States submits the enclosed nomination for a methyl bromide critical use exemption for 2006 (amounting to 37% of our 1991 baseline), as well as a small supplemental request for 2005 (some 2% of our baseline).

The enclosed documents generally follow the format recently set out in the Methyl Bromide Handbook, and includes supplemental information as appropriate. We provided an overview of our 2005 supplemental request as a separate document included as an appendix in individual sector nominations. We hope that this organization provides the information in the most accessible manner to facilitate the efforts of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee during their review. The United States is submitting these documents electronically, but would be pleased to provide a hard copy upon request. We will fax this signed cover letter to Mr. Gonzalez for your records.

If additional information is needed by MBTOC, please contact John Thompson at the U.S. Department of State (ThompsonJE2@state.gov or 202-647-9799). We look forward to working with you and others to answer any questions that may arise during the review process.

Sincerely,

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