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**Grey House Publishing announces the Seventh Edition of
*Nations of the World: A Political, Economic & Business Handbook***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Seventh Edition of *Nations of the World: A Political, Economic & Business Handbook*. A valuable reference resource, *Nations of the World* profiles every nation and self-governing territory around the world. This new edition has been extensively updated, offering valuable, current, and detailed information to individuals, students, business-people and politicians worldwide.

The world has experienced many changes in the last year, politically, economically and in weather and other natural events. This newly updated 2007 edition reflects these political and economic changes, and takes into account the effects natural events such as the continued earthquakes and tsunamis across the south pacific and Asia, and the volcano explosion in Indonesia have had on trade and tourism. As the result of the extensive, yearlong research that is behind every edition, *Nations of the World* remains the most up-to-date, in-depth, and comprehensive source in the field.

This new edition contains revised and updated profiles of over 230 nations, and includes 29 new heads of state, 68 new heads of government and the division of Serbia and Montenegro into separate states. Contributors to the profiles are experts in their fields, these international correspondents have worked on some of the most influential books and periodicals in the world. Their expertise and familiarity with the subject matter is what makes this edition the leader among its competition.

Nations of the World is divided into two major sections: The first contains the informative country chapters, arranged in alphabetical order, the second is a World Overview offering an entry on each of five regions around the world.

Each country chapter is divided into three parts. The first is an independently written **Country Overview**, covering current political and economic events. Here the user will also find a **Map** with indicators for key places, **Key Facts** about the featured country (such as official country name, ruling parties, language spoken, population, etc.), **Key Indicators** (important data such as population, GNP, foreign debt, exchange rate and more, all charted over five years), and a **Risk Assessment** that

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evaluates the politics, economy and general stability of the featured country and the region of which it is a part. The second part is a **Country Profile**, which includes detailed historical information, political structure and parties, and a thorough look at population, labor market, media, trade, industry, agriculture and energy. The final part of each country chapter is a **Business Directory**, which provides contact numbers and websites for hotels, travel information and chambers of commerce.

The **World Overview** section follows the country profiles, and offers expertly written narrative on the political and economic climate of each of the five regions covered. This narrative includes key indicators, currencies and a map of the region. The final component of the 2007 edition of *Nations of the World* is a **Global Overview**, which summarizes and integrates the information from each Country Overview and each region covered by the World Overview into a comprehensive look at the status and developments of countries worldwide.

For even easier access to information, *Nations of the World* is also available as a CD-ROM, free of charge to purchasers of the book. Each country entry from the print edition is reproduced in Adobe .PDF format for easy searching and to give the user the ability to print specific entries. In this age of computerization, having this handy reference tool only a click away is a valuable and useful option.

Nations of the World is a vitally important resource in this era of globalization and increased mobility. With the involvement of the United States in everything from conflicts in the Middle East to Chinese trade and currency debates to the controversy over illegal immigration and the election of new leaders in Central and South America, not to mention the intensifying international dialogue on global warming and the Kyoto Protocol, it is essential for readers of all ages to have access to accurate and reliable information about our increasingly interconnected world. *Nations of the World* provides expert insight and an unprecedented amount of up-to-date, comprehensive, and easily accessible information that will be a much-used addition to any library, public or private, academic or technical.

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