## Making GreenNet even more useful ...

Response Form
name :
address:
postcode;country;
organisation:
GreenNet user name :
☐ Do you have word processed documents that you think might be useful for GreenNet? Please specify types
☐ Do you have a computer held database that you would be prepared for GreenNet's users to refer to? Please specify subjects and types:
☐ Do you want to see databases on particular areas offered by GreenNet ? Please specify :
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England.

# a sample of databases available on PeaceNet and EcoNet

This is a selection of some of the databases available on our sister networks in the United States. They act as examples of the sort of databases that we are looking to offer on GreenNet.

- \* Hydrofile a database of major dam projects
- \* A directory of grass roots organisations from the Environmental Task Force
- \* Peace Research Abstracts Journal
- \* A database of resources about Africa visual, books, audio, articles, periodicals
- \* Environmental Grantmakers Association
- \* Ruralnet information on international rural development projects
- \* Speakers database
- \* Information about members of Congress
- \* Conservation directory from the National Wildlife Federation
- \* Nature centres database
- \* Consortium of Aquariums, Universities and Zoos
- \* Environmental education resources

This is the beginning of the database facility on the American networks.

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### GreenNet

Global computer network for peace, environment and human rights



helping users to put information onto the network

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### GreenNet is only as good as the information on t.

That is why we are making it easier for organisaions like yours to put information onto the system where it is open to all GreenNet users as well as hose of our sister networks across the globe.

### Documents for the network

Nearly everyone writes some documents on word processors. They may be newsletters, press re-eases, reports, events listings ... anything that you produce and think other people ought to know about. Yet at present they are generally only available to a limited group on paper despite being produced on a computer.

### Publicising your group

Putting information onto GreenNet is not only a way of furthering your activities, it is a way of advertising your work. It can let others know of your skills, esources, products and aims.

### Easy transfer

ransferring your information to the network can be as simple as copying a disk. It will not involve a najor extra commitment of time and money from you, yet will help both you and the effectiveness of GreenNet. Talk to us to find out how or fill in the form.

# Moving to the database

### What are databases?

Databases are libraries of information held on computer. They, like other libraries, have records of what is held in them and tools and catalogues for searching them. When held on computer they can be got at faster and more effectively.

### The need for a database service

Many groups have already collected extensive banks of information which could be of wide interest to other GreenNet users. We are soon to introduce a facility for users to access databases just as easily as the present services through their computer and telephone line. It will mean that stores of information held by users can be made available in a useful form to many people throughout the world. By providing this service we will be reducing the needless duplication of effort as organisations constantly search for the same sorts of information leading to a waste of valuable campaigning time.

### The databases you have

Do you have databases that could be useful to other GreenNet users? Things like lists of organisations, directories, collections of articles on various topics, the low down on companies and multinationals, the records of the military or Members of Parliament. Basically knowledge that has been collected on a computer. If this service is to be successful we need to know what data we can add to the network. Only you can tell us that.

### The databases you want

It'll also be useful to know the the databases that you would like to see available on GreenNet and tell us the use you might make of them. It may be possible to find the data resources from other users that will help you in your work. The resources of others could be useful to you just as yours could be to them.

#### What to do

If you are interested in this project and think that you might have something to offer please get in touch with us. You can either fill in the form on this leaflet or get in touch with Tim Brenan on GreenNet (user name: tim).

### Security

The databases that you decide to offer to GreenNet will be entirely secure. The service we will be offering will work with copies of your information which will be made at appropriate intervals. There is no risk of a valued data resource becoming damaged. If appropriate, access to the data can be restricted to named people.

### When will it be available?

The service will start to be offered to GreenNet users within the next few months. However to make it an effective resource for you we need to know what databases are available and to prepare the system for them. So, please respond to this as soon as possible.