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TO ALL SPANISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATIONS AND GROUPS

Re: Revised *New World Translation* in Spanish

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that the revised *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* in Spanish was released electronically at the international convention held in Madrid, Spain, on Friday, July 19, 2019. The release talk has been posted on JW Broadcasting in Spanish so that all can share in the joy of this historic event. To access it, go to VIDEO ON DEMAND > PROGRAMS AND EVENTS > SPECIAL PROGRAMS. To access the revised *New World Translation* in Spanish, go to www.jw.org/es-nwt. After Monday, July 22, 2019, it can be accessed on jw.org by going to PUBLICATIONS > ONLINE BIBLE. It will also be available in *JW Library* at that time.

In addition to the digital formats now available, the printeries in Japan and the United States are working hard to produce printed Bibles for Spanish congregations and groups worldwide. In view of the large quantity of Bibles that will be needed over the next year, special arrangements are being made to ensure an even distribution. An initial consignment of the regular-size edition will be sent to your congregation in due course. Upon arrival, one copy will be distributed to each publisher. In a later shipment, your congregation will receive additional copies that can be distributed in the field ministry to interested persons.

Besides the regular-size edition, large-size and pocket-size editions will also be produced. The content of these editions will be exactly the same as the regular-size edition. Individuals desiring copies of these editions should inform the literature servant. As supplies become available, the pocket-size edition may be distributed in the field ministry to interested persons. A modest supply of these Bibles will be kept at the Kingdom Hall for this purpose.

The Governing Body has selected the production materials of this new deluxe Bible with great care so that we can maintain its dignified appearance. Your appreciation for God's Word is evident in the way you handle your copy of the Bible with care, keeping it neat, clean, and dry.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your generous contributions to our worldwide Bible-educational work. Please be assured of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,

Testigos Cristianos de Jehová

c: Circuit overseers

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PS to bodies of elders:

The coordinator of the body of elders should arrange for this letter to be read to the congregation at the first congregation meeting after its receipt. Thereafter, it should be posted on the information board for one month. **This postscript should neither be read to the congregation nor be posted on the information board.**

Requesting Regular-Size, Gray Deluxe Bibles (*nwt*; item number 5140): Since the first few shipments of the regular-size edition will be received by consignment, requests should not be submitted at this time. Once your first shipment has been received, please provide a personal copy to all publishers who need one. Remaining supplies then can be provided to Bible students and other interested ones. The branch office will inform you when language-coordinating congregations may begin submitting requests for the congregations they serve so as to maintain a modest supply for use in the field ministry.

Requesting Large-Size Bibles (*nwtls*; item number 5141): This is a special-request item. Therefore, a supply should not be stocked at the Kingdom Hall.

Requesting Pocket-Size Bibles (*nwtpkt*; item number 5142): Initially, this will be handled as a special-request item. Therefore, a supply should not be stocked at the Kingdom Hall at this time. In due course, the branch office will inform congregations when they may begin maintaining a modest supply for use in the field ministry.

Please note that requests for large-size and pocket-size Bibles may not be filled for several months as priority is given to providing regular-size Bibles. You may wish to inform publishers of this when they submit their requests. On the other hand, promptly submitting such requests will assist the branch office to plan future production and distribution.

Status of Pending Requests for Previous Edition of *New World Translation* in Spanish: In view of the changes outlined above, please note that pending requests for the previous edition of the *New World Translation* in Spanish have been canceled.