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NOTIFICATION

Decision VII/1: Further work on the effects on forest biological diversity of insufficient forest law enforcement

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 2 of decision VII/1, the Conference of the Parties urged the Executive Secretary to continue work on the effects on forest biological diversity of insufficient forest law enforcement as requested in paragraph 19 (e) of decision VI/22, in which the Conference of the Parties had requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and relevant bodies, to develop case studies from each region, with voluntary participation by countries, on the effects on forest biological diversity of insufficient forest law enforcement. The studies would address, *inter alia* the following issues:

- a. Assessment of the unauthorized harvesting of forest biodiversity on:
 - (i) Fauna (including bushmeat) and flora;
 - (ii) Indigenous and local communities; and
 - (iii) Revenue loss, at the national and local level;
- b. Identification of the relationship between consumption in consumer countries and unauthorized harvesting activities, including through international trade, noting the decisions and pending work of the International Tropical Timber Organization, and identifying and analyzing how market access measures can be used to support conservation of forest biodiversity, sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources, and also identifying and analyzing market access obstacles for legally-obtained forest biodiversity products.

Through Notification Ref. No. 39637 dated 3 November 2003, the Secretariat requested Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to contribute case studies or information/publications relevant to the subject.

Please note that, as at 1 December 2003, the Secretariat had received only two contributions from Parties and three from organizations. Therefore, for this reason and pursuant to decision VII/1, paragraph 2, I wish to invite those Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations that have not responded to the above-mentioned notification to send their contributions, using the proposed format annexed to this Notification, by e-mail or fax, at their earliest convenience but not later than **31 May 2004**.

Thank you for your cooperation and support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: All CBD National Focal Points, CPF members and relevant organizations



ANNEX

OUTLINE FOR REPORT ON THE EFFECTS ON FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INSUFFICIENT FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. Introduction on the forest area and the role of the forest sector.
2. Description of the forest policy, the main laws and regulations and the characteristics of forest management.
3. Discussion of illegal and unauthorized activities, related to insufficient forest law enforcement.
4. Impact of illegal activities on:
 - (i) fauna and flora;
 - (ii) indigenous and local communities; and
 - (iii) local and national revenues.
5. Relationship between consumption in consumer countries and unauthorized harvesting activities.
6. Discussion of market access measures which could support the conservation of forest biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out the utilization of genetic resources.
7. Market access obstacles for legally-obtained forest biodiversity products.
8. Any other information considered relevant.

You may wish to annex any relevant national reports or publications relevant to the subject.