



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Review of National Implementation

Reference is made to paragraph 41 of [decision V/20](#), which requested the Executive Secretary to provide an overview of existing mechanisms and processes for review of national implementation of environmental instruments, and invited Parties to undertake, on a voluntary basis, a review of national programmes and needs related to the implementation of the Convention and, if appropriate, to inform the Executive Secretary accordingly.

Reference is also made to paragraph 22 of [decision VII/30](#), which requested the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting on the work required by decision V/20, paragraph 41, to allow further work to be undertaken to identify ways to support the review by Parties of national implementation.

The Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 27 of decision VII/30, recognized the need to develop better methods to evaluate progress in the implementation of the Convention and requested the Executive Secretary to initiate action as a follow-up to paragraph 41 of decision V/20.

In response to these requests, I would like to invite you to submit to the Secretariat relevant reports or information concerning any voluntary reviews your country has undertaken of national implementation of the Convention so as to enable the Secretariat to compile an overview of existing mechanisms and processes for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

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Considering the time needed for undertaking the above-mentioned task, you are kindly requested to send your submissions **no later than 31 January, 2005**.

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation.

Please accept Madam/Sir the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary