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## NOTIFICATION

### **Subject: Increased bio-geographical representation for Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity**

Dear Madam/Sir:

In paragraph C.2 of decision VIII/19 on forest biological diversity, the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its eighth meeting last March requested the Executive Secretary to increase the representation of members from bio-geographical regions with little or no current representation within the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity (AHTEG), established pursuant to paragraph 26 of COP decision VI/22.

Since 2003, the AHTEG has met three times with the overall mandate of providing guidance to the Executive Secretary and to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the review of implementation of the forest work programme. At its eighth meeting the COP further requested the Executive Secretary, subject to availability of financial resources, to convene at least one meeting of the AHTEG in order to complete its original mandate. Experts from the Asia-Pacific Region have been notably underrepresented in the AHTEG in all of its meetings.

I am therefore inviting your Government to submit the name of an expert who may be called upon to participate in the AHTEG, together with a description of his/her expertise that is strictly related to the mandate of the Group annexed to the present notification (the reports of the first, second, and third meetings of the AHTEG are contained, respectively, in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/7/INF/20; UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/2; and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/3). Nominations should be received no later than **15 December 2006**. The AHTEG is tentatively scheduled to meet in May 2007.

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

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**Paragraph 26(a) of COP decision VI/22 on forest biological diversity**

The Conference of the Parties,

26. Agrees to establish an ad hoc technical expert group to provide advice to the Executive Secretary and to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the review of the implementation of the programme of work, with the following terms of reference:

- a. Tasks:
  - i. To provide advice on the way in which the review of the implementation of the programme of work would be undertaken;
  - ii. To provide technical input to the review of the implementation of the programme of work;
  - iii. To provide scientific and technical information on successes, challenges and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work;
  - iv. To provide information on the effects of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work.