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NOTIFICATION

Request for Additional Information on the Implementation of Element 1, Goal 2, Objective 3 of the Forest Biodiversity Programme of Work

Dear Sir/Madam,

Recommendation XII/5 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice requests the Executive Secretary, when preparing the in-depth review on the programme of work on forest biodiversity, to conduct an analysis of (i) the extent to which climate change impacts and response activities are included in the current programme of work, (ii) the current state of implementation of climate change impacts and response activities, and (iii) the identification of gaps in implementation including a review of barriers and suggestions to overcome them.

An initial review of the third national reports submitted to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) revealed that only thirty-four Parties¹ have provided information on the implementation of Element 1, Goal 2, Objective 3 of the programme of work on forest biodiversity which calls for Parties to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change on forest biodiversity including through:

- i. promoting monitoring and research on the impacts of climate change;
- ii. assessing how the conservation and sustainable use of forest biological diversity can contribute to the international work relating to climate change;
- iii. developing coordinated response strategies;
- iv. enhancing resistance and resilience to climate change; and
- v. integrating conservation and restoration within mitigation and adaptation planning.

In order to best respond to the request issued by SBSTTA, Parties that have not yet submitted relevant information through their third national reports are requested to provide additional information on the implementation of Element 1, Goal 2, Objective 3 of the programme of work on forest biodiversity based on the questions provided in Annex 1. Submissions from Parties are requested no later than **Friday, 14 September 2007**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

¹ Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Canada, Cambodia, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Norway, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Syria, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points



Annex 1

Request for Additional Information on the Implementation of
Element 1, Goal 2, Objective 3 of the Forest Biodiversity Programme of Work

Question	Response
<p>Please identify activities, projects and programmes implemented in your country towards the achievement of Goal 2, Objective 3 of the programme of work on forest biodiversity</p>	
<p>Please identify gaps and barriers preventing the enhanced implementation of Goal 2, Objective 3 of the programme of work on forest biodiversity</p>	
<p>Please describe any experiences and lessons learned from addressing gaps and barriers to the implementation of Goal 2, Objective 3 of the programme of work on forest biodiversity</p>	