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NOTIFICATION**National Reports**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to remind Parties that, in accordance with decision V/19 of the Conference of the Parties, the deadline for submission of the second national report is **15 May 2001**.

Parties are kindly requested to note that late submission of national reports will make it difficult for the Secretariat to analyse the reports and prepare in a timely fashion the relevant pre-session documents for the Open-ended intersessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and the Implementation of the Convention (19-21 November 2001) and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (8-26 April 2002). In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Conference of the Parties and decision IV/16 (paragraph 8), the documentation for both meetings needs to be prepared by early October 2001.

Parties are also reminded that the Conference of the Parties invited submissions of the thematic report on forest ecosystems by **15 May 2001**.

Parties that have not yet submitted thematic reports on alien species and benefit-sharing, which were requested by 30 September 2000 and 31 December 2000 respectively, are encouraged to do so at the earliest opportunity.

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

Yours sincerely,

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