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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Voluntary Thematic Report on Forest Biological Diversity

In accordance with [Decision VI/22](#), paragraph 27, of the Conference of the Parties, I am pleased to announce that the format for a voluntary thematic report on forest biological diversity, prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of elements covered by the decision, has been approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties subsequent to consultation with National Focal Points and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. This format is available on the Convention's website at <http://www.biodiv.org/world/nr-guidelines.asp?t=thm>.

As these reports will be considered by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in February 2004, I kindly request your Government to submit its report to the Secretariat by **30 September 2003**. This timeframe will enable the Secretariat to conduct a meaningful analysis of the reports and make this information available to Parties prior to the meeting.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points

