



SCBD/I&O/BK/39078

22 September 2003

NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Voluntary Report on Implementation of Expanded Programme of Work on Forest Biological Diversity

Reference is made to Notification 2003-057 issued on 25 June 2003, in accordance with paragraph 27 of decision VI/22, which invited Parties to submit their voluntary report on the implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity using the format developed by the Secretariat and approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

In view of the limited number of reports that have been received by the Secretariat so far, I wish to take this opportunity to advise that the deadline for submission has been extended to **15 October 2003** from the original deadline of 30 September 2003.

Recalling that these reports will be considered by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in February 2004, I trust your Government is in a position to submit its report to the Secretariat by this revised deadline. This will enable the Secretariat to draw meaningful conclusions from the analysis of the reports and make this information available to Parties prior to the meeting.

Guidelines for preparation of all voluntary reports are available on the Convention's website at <http://www.biodiv.org/world/nr-guidelines.asp?t=thm>.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

To: All National Focal Points

