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Dear Madam, Sir,

**Subject: New web-based tool to analyze thematic reports**

Pursuant to Article 17 and Article 18.3 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and in support of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), I am please to inform you of the development of a web-based tool to analyze thematic reports on alien and invasive species, forest ecosystems, mountain ecosystems, protected areas and technology transfer and cooperation.

With the thematic reports analyzer, users are able to compare data on a specific topic between or among countries and between or among country groups. Results are displayed in tabular and graphical formats with links to the full text of the report.

In addition, information contained in the thematic reports have been coded in a manner to facilitate integration and harmonization with information held by other international organizations and convention secretariats.

The thematic reports analyzer is available on the Convention's website at:  
<http://www.biodiv.org/reports/analyzer.aspx>

More information on national reporting is available at: <http://www.biodiv.org/world/intro.asp>

Thank you for your support of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

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