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## NOTIFICATION

Madam/Sir,

### Subject: Guidelines for the Third National Report

In [decision VII/25 B](#) on Guidelines for the Third National Report, the Conference of the Parties endorsed the format for the third national report contained in Annex I of document [UNEP/CBD/COP/7/17/Add.2](#), as amended, with respect to the questionnaire on forest biological diversity. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to further develop this format and incorporate the views expressed by Parties and further questions arising from relevant COP-7 decisions. The COP further requested the Executive Secretary to make the revised format available to Parties no later than July 2004.

In response to these requests, I am pleased to advise that the format for the third national report has been finalized and the English version of the format is now available on the Convention's website at <http://www.biodiv.org/world/nr-guidelines.asp?t=t>. The format in the five other languages of the United Nations will follow shortly when the translations become available.

In paragraph 8 decision VII/25 B, Parties are requested to submit their third national reports by **15 May 2005** in an official language of the Conference of the Parties and in electronic and hard-copy formats.

Thank you very much for your support to the work of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,

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