



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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Dear [NATIONAL FOCAL POINT],

Pursuant to paragraph 8 of decision VII/25 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, requesting Parties to submit their **third national report** before 15 May 2005, I would like to inform you that so far 82 Parties have done so. As a result, in its decision VIII/14, paragraph 16, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention urged Parties that had not submitted their third national reports to do so expeditiously.

As your country has not yet submitted its third national report, I would kindly request you to do so as soon as possible and preferably **before 1 September 2006**. If you cannot submit your report before that date, I would appreciate receiving information on when your country intends to submit its report. As you are probably aware, the Global Environment Facility, through the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, has accepted to offer financial support for all eligible Parties in the preparation their reports. If your country has not yet made a request to benefit from this generous financial support, you are invited to make such a request directly to the GEF or its Implementing Agencies.

I look forward to receiving your country's third national report in order to initiate the process of analysing this important tool for the implementation of the objective of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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