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Dear Dr. Robinson,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity has recently reviewed the ecological assessment conducted by the David Suzuki Foundation in the borough of Pierrefonds-Roxboro in Montreal and published in December 2016.

I would like to congratulate you on your efforts to develop a comprehensive research methodology that provided valuable evidence of the rich biodiversity of the area and the presence of the Bobolink, which is an endangered species. The study, made available to the public and decision-makers, is very important in the search of an adequate balance between development activities and conservation efforts.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to inform you that my term as Executive Secretary comes to an end on 14 February 2017. The incoming Executive Secretary, Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer will assume her mandate on 20 March 2017. I would like to thank the David Suzuki Foundation for its valuable efforts towards conservation and the sustainable use of the world's biodiversity.

Yours sincerely,

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