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**NEW AND EMERGING ISSUES RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE  
USE OF BIODIVERSITY**

*Contributions to the electronic forum on biofuels*

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Pursuant to its mandate in paragraph (d) of appendix A to annex III of decision VIII/10, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) will be considering new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. In a meeting held by teleconference on 22 September 2006, the SBSTTA Bureau identified, among other issues, the interlinkages between biodiversity and liquid biofuel production as a new and emerging issue for consideration by SBSTTA at its twelfth meeting.
2. In preparation for this agenda item, an electronic discussion forum was held from 29 January 2007 to 9 March 2007 to compile and share information on the status and prospects of liquid biofuel production, its advantages and the known and possible adverse impacts on biodiversity. The electronic forum was available in English, French and Spanish. There were a total of 60 contributions and 38 participants to the electronic forum.
3. The contributions made to the electronic forum are accessible on the website of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the following link: <http://www.cbd.int/forums/biofuel> or from the main webpage of the twelfth meeting of the SBSTTA.

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