



## **VIRTUAL CONSULTATION FORUM WILL ACCEPT COMMENTS UNTIL NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Governments Representatives will meet on November 20<sup>th</sup> in Washington, D.C. to finalize the draft Ministerial Declaration (Declaration of Santa Cruz +10) that will be presented to the Ministers during the Ministerial Meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for their discussion and its approval. Therefore, comments posted in the Virtual Consultation Forum up to **November 19<sup>th</sup>**, will be compiled in a document to be considered in the preparation of the Ministerial Declaration.

The Forum will remain open after November 19<sup>th</sup> in order to (a) obtain additional comments that will contribute to the meeting with representatives of civil society and indigenous peoples that will take place on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006; (b) present civil society with information regarding the adopted Ministerial Declaration; and (c) provide on-going information regarding the follow-up process until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

(For access to the Virtual Forum visit:

<http://www.oas.org/dsd/MinisterialMeeting/VirtualForumCSandIP.htm> and/or  
<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/environment/discussion/default/showDiscussion.do?id=1441?id=1441>)