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to the Commission**

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Subject: Calculating the ILUC factor

Two of the key issues in the discussions on the proposal for a directive amending the directive on the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and the directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources were, firstly, that of whether or not the ILUC factor should be taken into account, and, secondly, the method of calculating that factor used in the study drawn up by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Experts are still arguing about the calculation method.

The Commission has requested that a new study, GLOBIUM, be conducted with a view to improving the scientific method used to calculate the ILUC factor, which will have a key bearing on future EU policy in the area of biofuels.

With a view to forestalling the kind of criticisms levelled against the IFPRI study, can the Commission say whether steps will be taken to ensure that the new study is as transparent as possible, for example peer review, provision of the model to all researchers wishing to reproduce the simulations, assessment of the findings by independent academic experts, etc.?

Can the Commission also say whether it will take account of the work done by the California Air Resources Board (CARB)?

What view does it take of the disparities in findings which emerge depending on whether the CARB model or the IFPRI model is used?