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EUDR: Support for COREPER Agenda and our EPP Compromises

Dear Ministers,

I would like to follow up on our online meeting on 13/11 and my email from 18/11 as we move forward in the trilogue negotiations on the EU Deforestation Regulation.

Once again, I kindly ask for your support in ensuring that the EUDR is included on the COREPER agenda for tomorrow, followed by backing our proposed compromises to the EPP amendments.

We call for Amendment 4 as proposed in the mandate of the Parliament, which introduces an "emergency brake" to ensure the regulation takes effect only once the European Commission has addressed critical preconditions: a fully operational online platform and the publication of risk classifications at least six months in advance. This guarantees legal certainty for stakeholders and ensures implementation readiness without unnecessary burdens.

Furthermore, we are not insisting on creating a "zero-risk" category anymore, as it is clear that several member states have concerns, including with regards to WTO rules. Our compromise proposal is to replace these amendments with a general review clause under Article 34, which would enable a future assessment of simplified requirements for countries that have demonstrated effective and sustainable forest management practices. This would still serve the original purpose of stopping global deforestation without imposing unnecessary documentation requirements on regions where no risk exists.

While this adjustment does not have an immediate effect, it provides the Commission with a political mandate to consider future simplifications and reward countries that demonstrate strong conservation efforts and adherence to international agreements through effective implementation.

As discussed in the first trilogue, we remain committed to finding compromises that do not jeopardize the one-year postponement of the regulation. Our primary focus is on achieving

the regulation's goals to end illegal global deforestation while reducing bureaucracy and unnecessary reporting obligations.

Let us seize this opportunity to leverage the current momentum and majorities in both the Council and Parliament to finalize an agreement that reflects our shared priorities.

We are ready to make significant compromises to reach this agreement, especially considering the recent European elections, where we promised to reduce bureaucracy. Achieving this would represent a major success for the EPP right at the start of the legislative period.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions to my team or me.

Best regards,



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