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Subject:	Commission's intention to sign at the 26th UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP26) on behalf of the EU the Joint Statement Supporting the protection and sustainable management of the Congo Basin forest <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Authorisation to sign the declaration- Initiation of written procedure

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At its meeting on 27 October 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed with the intention of the Commission to sign on behalf of the EU the Joint Statement Supporting the protection and sustainable management of the Congo Basin forest at the 26th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP26), as set out in document ST 13251/21.

The Committee decided to make use of the written procedure for the Council's authorisation to sign the declaration.

Therefore, all delegations are invited to expressly state if they agree:

that the Council authorises the Commission to sign on behalf of the EU the Joint Statement Supporting the protection and sustainable management of the Congo Basin forest at the 26th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP26), as set out in document ST 13251/21 and that if further adjustments to the bracketed text of the non-binding instruments are required, those parts may be adapted accordingly provided that the changes do not affect the substance and intent of the text or the changes consist in agreeing one of the alternative formulations of the draft texts.

Please answer by "YES" or "NO"

Any unilateral statements should be made at the same time as answering the question, except for those already made at the Permanent Representatives Committee.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council by **15:00 (Brussels time) on Friday, 29 October 2021**.

The replies should be sent by email to **DELETED** and environment@consilium.europa.eu.
