



Council of the European Union
General Secretariat

Brussels, 18 December 2020

CM 5485/20

LIMITE

AGRI
RELEX
FORETS
DEVGEN
ENV
JUR
PROBA
PROCED

COMMUNICATION

WRITTEN PROCEDURE

Contact: LIFE.3@consilium.europa.eu

Tel./Fax: +32 2 281 2543

Subject: **END OF WRITTEN PROCEDURE**

COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade
- Adoption

COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade

- Agreement in principle

- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

= Initiation of written procedure

= Outcome of the written procedure initiated by CM 5303/20 + REV 1

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, initiated by CM 5303/20 on 11 December 2020 (as revised by CM 5303/1/20 REV 1), was successfully completed on 18 December 2020 and that all delegations except Belgium agreed:

- to adopt the Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in document 12513/20
- to agree in principle on the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in document 12543/20, as well as the text of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement, as finalised by the legal linguistic experts and set out in document 10365/20;
- to decide to transmit to the European Parliament for its consent documents 12543/20 and 10365/20, as mentioned above.

Therefore, the above decisions of the Council are adopted.

The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in accordance to Article 218(10) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The Council Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank delegations and the Commission for their kind cooperation.
