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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2020/…

of …

on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(3) and the first subparagraph of Article 207(4) in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v) and Article 218(7) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament[1],

[1] Consent of … (not yet published in the Official Journal).

Whereas:

(1) In May 2003 the Commission adopted a communication to the European Parliament and to the Council entitled 'Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT): Proposal for an EU Action Plan'. The Action Plan set out in that communication ('the FLEGT Action Plan') called for measures to address illegal logging by developing voluntary partnership Agreements with timber-producing countries. Council conclusions on the FLEGT Action Plan were adopted in October 2003 and a European Parliament resolution on the subject was adopted on 11 July 2005.

(2) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2020/…[1+], the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union ('the Agreement') was signed on …, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

(3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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1 Council Decision (EU) 2020/… of … 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 timber products to the European Union (OJ L …, …, p. …).

+ OJ: please insert in the text the number of the Council Decision contained in document ST 12513/20 and the date of signing of the Agreement, and in the footnote the number, the date and the OJ reference of that Decision.

Article 1

The Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.[1*]

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 31 of the Agreement[2].

Article 3

The Union shall be represented by the Commission in the Joint Implementation Committee set up pursuant to Article 19 of the Agreement.

The Member States may participate in meetings of the Joint Implementation Committee as members of the Union Delegation.

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1 The text of the Agreement is published in … [insert OJ reference].

* Delegations/OJ: see document ST 10365/20.

2 The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

Article 4

For the purpose of amending the Annexes to the Agreement in accordance with Article 26 of the Agreement, the Commission is authorised, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 11(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005[1], to approve any such amendments on behalf of the Union.

Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at …,

For the Council
The President

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[1] Council Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 of 20 December 2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community (OJ L 347, 30.12.2005, p. 1).