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COREPER (PART 1)

Statements to the “I” items set out in doc. 15110/2/25 REV 2

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2. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards  15065/25
certain obligations of operators and traders
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

Statement by Austria

“Austria generally welcomes the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 (the “Deforestation Regulation”, EUDR), to combat global deforestation and forest degradation.

During the entire implementation process of the EUDR several Member States have repeatedly voiced serious concerns related to legal uncertainties, the overall complexity of the regulation, the lack of targeted measures in order to achieve the EUDR’s overall objective, the neglect of the regulation’s negative impact on the EU’s trade policy objectives, and the disproportionate administrative burdens for producers and administrations as well as the retail sector within the EU. These concerns have also been echoed by a wide range of stakeholders, including businesses and primary producers.

On 21 October 2025, the Commission submitted a proposal to amend the EUDR. Despite repeated requests for a delay along with substantial simplification, the proposal fell short of expectations. The Commission proposal foresees hardly adequate simplification measures and puts time pressure on the co-legislators as a consequence of the late publication of the amending proposal.

During discussions held in the Council - on 21 October 2025 and 4 November 2025 in the Environment Council, on 27 October 2025 in the AGRIFISH Council and on 29 October 2025 in Coreper – several delegations considered that the Commission proposal should have gone further in terms of simplification measures and expressed support for the additional reduction of administrative burden. **The compromise proposal put forward by the Presidency does not take these requests for further simplification [fully] into account.**

Thus, the undersigned Member States consider it **necessary to include a review clause in the EUDR committing the Commission to propose further substantial simplification measures no later than 30 April 2026.** This would enable a proper policy process under the ordinary legislative procedure with adequate time for technical examination, rather than a rushed adoption under time pressure.

Therefore, Austria cannot support the compromise text tabled by the Council Presidency and assumes that the aforementioned issue will be further discussed and appropriately addressed in the following negotiation process.”

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