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Statements to the “II” items set out in doc. 15493/25 + COR 1

Environment

2. Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards certain obligations of operators and traders  15413/25
Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

Statement by Belgium:

“Belgium wishes to reaffirm its strong and consistent commitment to the objectives of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and to the fight against deforestation and forest degradation. We consider this Regulation to be a key instrument of the European Union’s international credibility, and a central pillar of our collective action to protect forests, climate and biodiversity.

Belgium will remain fully constructive in the forthcoming discussions. We are convinced that a balanced compromise can be found – one that facilitates implementation for businesses, supports SMEs, stabilises the legal framework and preserves the core ambition of the Regulation. It is indeed important to ensure a level playing field for those actors that have already invested in compliance, and to take into account the circumstances of businesses – often smaller and locally rooted – for which the current requirements may represent a significant burden.

We therefore call on all Member States, our trading partners and the sectors concerned to continue working towards this shared objective, in a spirit of collective responsibility and pragmatic problem-solving.

We remain fully available to work with all delegations and with the Commission to identify a constructive, transparent solution that upholds our shared commitments to forest protection.”

