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| from: | General Secretariat |
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| to: | Coreper/Council |
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| Subject: | Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union - Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament |

- 1. The Agreement between the <u>European Union</u> and the <u>Republic of Indonesia</u> on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union (FLEGT) will be signed on 30 September 2013, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- 2. On 20 June 2013, the <u>Commission</u> submitted to the <u>Council</u> a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union (FLEGT).

3. With a view for the <u>Council</u> to adopt the Decision concluding the Agreement, <u>the Permanent Representatives Committee</u> is thus invited to suggest that the <u>Council</u>, in part "A" of its agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decides to forward the draft Decision on conclusion as contained in document 11767/13, as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in document 11769/13, to the <u>European Parliament</u> for its consent, after the signing of the Agreement by the parties.