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## "I/A" ITEM NOTE

from:	General Secretariat
to:	COREPER/Council
No. prev. doc.:	10601/11
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Central African Republic on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and derived products to the European Union (FLEGT)  - Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

- 1. The Agreement between the <u>European Union</u> and the <u>Central African Republic</u> on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and derived products to the European Union (FLEGT) was signed on 28 November 2011, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- 2. On 20 May 2011 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 Central African Republic on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and derived 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 14034/11, as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in document 14036/11, to the <u>European Parliament</u> for its consent.