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to: Coreper/Council

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Subject: Adoption of a Council Decision on the conclusion of a voluntary partnership agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and derived products to the European Union (FLEGT)

1. On 20 June 2011, the Commission submitted to the Council two proposals for Council Decisions: one on the signing, and another on the conclusion of a voluntary partnership agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and derived products to the European Union (FLEGT).

2. On 22 July 2011, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing of a voluntary partnership agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and derived products to the European Union (FLEGT) and on the same date the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia was signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
3. At its session on 12 September 2011 the Council decided to request the European Parliament's consent for the conclusion of the above agreement. At its session on 17-20 April 2012 the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.
4. Coreper is therefore invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of its agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts the Decision on conclusion as contained in document 11104/11 as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in document 11101/11.
