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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on forest law enforcement, governance and trade
COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on forest law enforcement, governance and trade
- Statement from Hungary

Delegations will find in Annex a statement from Hungary on the above-mentioned subject.

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

**ON THE COUNCIL DECISION ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE VPA WITH GUYANA
ON FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND TRADE IN TIMBER
PRODUCTS**

AND

**ON THE COUNCIL DECISION ON THE SIGNING OF THE VPA WITH GUYANA ON
FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND TRADE IN TIMBER PRODUCTS**

Hungary recognizes and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary, and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from the international law. Furthermore, equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the term ‘gender’ as reference to ‘sex’ in the Annex to the Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union, *as well as* in the Annex to the Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union.
