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Subject: Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on
Forestry

Date: 25 November 2020

Time: 10.00

Venue: Videoconference (1+1)

1. Follow-up on the Commission's Communication on Stepping-Up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests and the related Council Conclusions (60 min)
 - State of play – report from Commission
 - Briefing from Working Party on Development Cooperation
 - Discussion - including reflections on the EP report with recommendations to the Commission on an EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation (2020/2006(INL))
2. Follow-up on the COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS on the perspectives for EU Forest Strategy post 2020 (60 min)
 - State of play – report from Commission, including on roadmap published 31.10.2020
 - Outcome of the conference on integration of nature protection in sustainable forest management (9-10.11.2020) – report from Presidency

3. AoB (60 min)

- Presentation of evaluation of recent JRC study on harvesting levels in Europe after 2015 (European Forest Institute)
 - Presentation on possible leakage effects of implementing EU COM proposals for the EU Biodiversity Strategy on forestry and forests in EU and non-EU countries (Thünen-Institute)
 - Update on next procedural steps on the COUNCIL DECISIONS on the conclusion and on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union
 - Update on upcoming Presidency event on 01.12.2020
 - Information by the incoming Portuguese Presidency
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