

## Joint Statement

# European Commission grants an additional twelve months for EUDR implementation in response to sector concerns

European primary producers and various industries welcome the European Commission's proposal to extend the implementation period of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) by an additional 12 months. While we fully support the regulation's objective to combat global deforestation, it is crucial to ensure that it is implemented under the right conditions to be effective and feasible.

For many months, our organisations have raised concerns about the regulation's practical applicability and the substantial administrative burden it imposes. We therefore call the European Parliament and the Council to consider the challenges raised by EU Member States, third countries, and relevant stakeholders, and to approve the Commission's proposal for a one-year postponement.

The focus must now shift to addressing the practical challenges associated with the EUDR's implementation to prevent uncertainties and avoid supply chain disruptions. We will carefully review the guidance document published today and remain committed to further dialogue to ensure workable solutions for all impacted sectors.

### Signatories:

CEI-Bois – European Confederation of Woodworking Industries

CEPF – Confederation of European Forest Owners

Cepi – Confederation of European Paper Industries

Copa-Cogeca – European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives

ELO – European Landowners' Organization

EOS – European Organisation of the Sawmill Industry

EUSTAFOR – European State Forest Association

FEFAC – European Feed Manufacturers' Federation

UECBV - European Livestock and Meat Trading Union





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