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Subject: Invitation to the 6th Meeting of the informal working group on FLEGT & REDD linkages – Brussels, 20th November 2012.

Following on from earlier meetings of the working group formed to elaborate the linkages between FLEGT & REDD initiatives, we would like to invite you to our sixth meeting. As the last meeting took place in 2011, this will be a good opportunity to catch up on recent initiatives and resume our collaboration in view of the current situation.

The meeting will take place on the **20th November 2012** in the EuropeAid Office for Development and Cooperation (DG DEVCO) building on **Rue de la Loi, 41**, meeting room **07/23** from **9:30 to 16:00**.

This meeting will further discuss the synergies between FLEGT and REDD initiatives and explore ideas for improving coordination between them at a country level. It will draw particularly on the experiences of your development agency in supporting developing countries in their efforts to address forest governance, illegal logging and REDD.

As a reminder, the working group will consist of representatives of development agencies from interested Member States and the Commission. The Working Group is not a working group of Council, but rather an ad hoc group of experts from Member States interested in sharing experience and coordination and convened by DG DEVCO for this purpose. Discussions will be of an informal nature, in English without translation.

It is important to register for the meeting in advance to allow us to sort out the logistics. For further information, directions, and to confirm your attendance contact Alexis Borremans (EuropeAid-REDD-MEETING@ec.europa.eu). Those who cannot attend the meeting, but who wish to receive the relevant papers, should contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosed: Agenda

FLEGT and REDD Working Group – 20 November 2012

Proposed agenda

Note: this meeting immediately follows the FLEGT ad hoc meeting (taking place 19 November), which will provide updates on FLEGT. Agenda is available for persons interested to participate.

Start at 9:30

1- Welcome and introduction

2- Update on EC/MS REDD+ programmes:

- Updates on REDD+ from EC (Call for proposals, JRC project, GCCA, UNREDD)
- Updates on REDD+ programmes from MS and Norway

3- "Aid-ification" of REDD+: are discussions on REDD+ safeguards evolving in ways that risk replicating the errors of structural adjustment conditionalities?

- FCPF discussion on the additional US\$ 5 million grant for DRC at PC13
- Discussion

4- Interactions between FLEGT and REDD+ at country level

Case study: DRC

- Intro by EFI: possible interactions and key policy issues
- Example of REDD+ and FLEGT on the ground: where policy meets practice or how can the work and coordination at project level feed into progress in key policy issues? (PROFOREST)
- EC, MS and Norway approaches to forest-related work in DRC
- Discussion

5- Lunch

6- REDD+: Strategies and approaches for working with the private sector

- Certification schemes and links to FLEGT and REDD+ (PROFOREST)
- Working with the private sector (agriculture commodities) to adopt less damaging forms of investment (UK)
- Blending private and public money in working with small producers vs multi nationals and finance institutions (DE)
- The US proposal (EC)
- Discussion

7- Programming next steps

- State of play of the work of the EU REDD Facility and plans for 2013 (EFI)
- Progress on the upcoming FLEGT and REDD+ Update Paper prepared by Proforest / EFI for the FLEGT and REDD working group: outline and issues for discussion (Proforest)

Close around 16:00