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**Subject: Invitation to the next ad hoc meeting on the Action Plan for Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) – Brussels, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

I would like to invite you to attend an informal meeting of the Commission and Member States on FLEGT. This meeting will continue the series of ad hoc meetings which have been held to support the development of the FLEGT initiative.

The meeting will take place on the **15<sup>th</sup> May 2013**. The meeting will take place 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 17:00**.

The meeting will discuss progress with the EU FLEGT Action Plan, updates on progress with VPA negotiations and implementation, and coordination of collective efforts under the Action Plan.

I attach a proposed agenda to guide the discussion. If there are additional concerns that you would like to discuss, please feel free to suggest additional items for the agenda.

The meeting is intended for representatives of Member State governments who wish to be more closely involved in the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan. I would be appreciative if you could let us know of any changes in your officials who wish to follow FLEGT matters. Discussions will be of an informal nature, in English without translation.


It is important to register for the meeting in advance. For further information, directions, and to confirm your attendance contact:

Mr Alexis Borremans ([EuropeAid-FLEGT-MEETING@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EuropeAid-FLEGT-MEETING@ec.europa.eu)), +32 2 29 53958.

Those who cannot attend the meeting, but who wish to receive the relevant papers, should contact us at the address above.

We have established a private Ad hoc FLEGT Group on our latest web-based tool Capacity4Dev (on which there is also a public FLEGT group to which you can also become a member - the address is <http://capacity4dev.ec.europa.eu/public-flegt>). Agenda and meeting minutes will be posted on capacity4dev as in previous meetings. If you experience problems in accessing capacity4dev, please contact Mr Alexis Borremans.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Enclosed: Agenda

**EU co-ordination meeting on the Action Plan for Forest Law Enforcement,  
Governance and Trade (FLEGT)**

**DG DEVCO Rue de la Loi 41, 07/23  
15 May 2013**

**Start at 9:30**

1. VPA developments :
  - General update
  - Implementation – situation on VPA implementation in Africa and Indonesia
  - Working with private sector- challenges
  - Regional issues in Central Africa
  - Indonesia
  - Malaysia
  - New countries – Honduras, Cote d'Ivoire, Guyana, Thailand
2. FLEGT in Latin America – recent developments & regional conference
3. China – BCM follow up
4. Control by competent authorities and customs; Results from Indonesia shipment test; Working Groups of customs on FLEGT
5. Further articulation of the relationship between EUTR and VPA
6. Facilitation and technical assistance – update
7. FLEGT & post 2014 financial landscape
8. Progress with the EU Tropical Timber Coalition
9. Coordination of information – Capacity4dev
10. FLEGT week – 7-11 October 2013

**Close at 17:00**