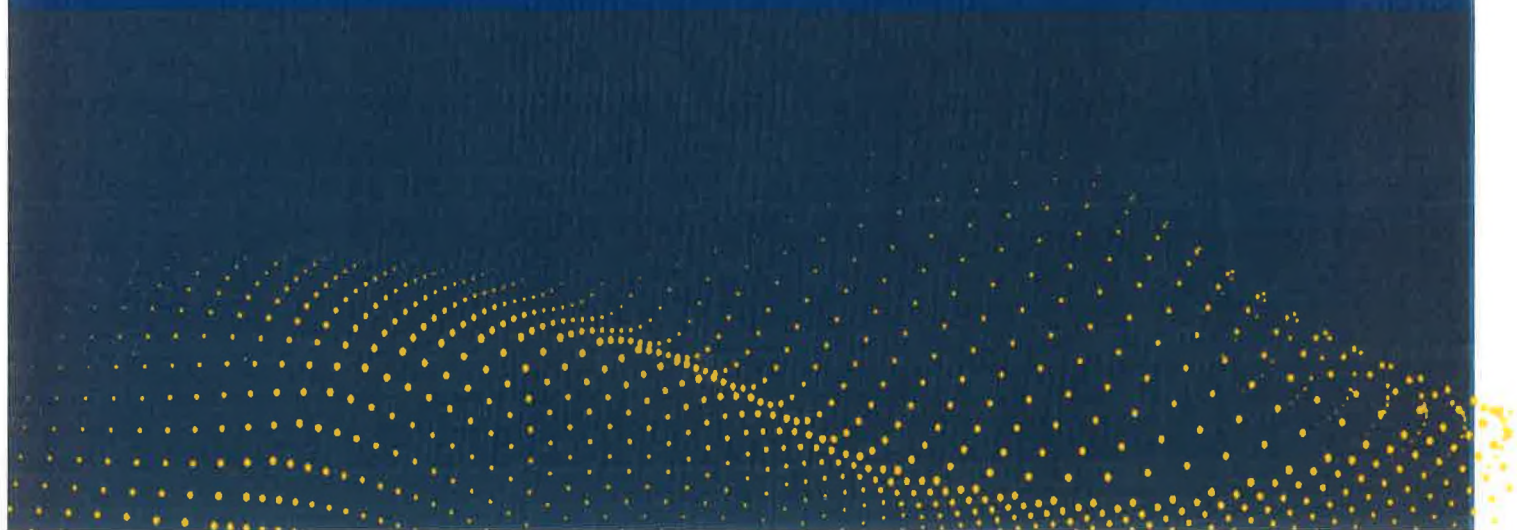




Forest Partnership

between the European Union and Guyana

Conclusions of the third Political Working Group



1. Introduction

The European Union (EU) and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana (Guyana), hereinafter 'the Partners', concluded in November 2022 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a **Forest Partnership**. The Forest Partnership reflects their **shared vision** for a holistic and integrated approach to forests implemented on the basis of **formal strategic dialogue and policy cooperation bilaterally and in the international arena**. In this context, the Partners launch a partnership, hereinafter "Forest Partnership", in the area of protection, restoration and sustainable management and use of forests aimed at:

- i) ENHANCING the role of Guyana's forests in sustainable and inclusive national development, and
- ii) ADDRESSING challenges related to deforestation, forest degradation, climate change and loss of biodiversity

In the first year following the signature of the MoU, the Partners developed quantified **targets** and a **Roadmap** for implementation, as well as formalised the Technical and Political **Working Groups**. In order to further support the implementation of the roadmap, the Partners agreed to the development of a **work plan**, with the first work plan developed for the year 2024.

2. Progress Report

Two years on, since the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Partners produced the first progress report on the Forest Partnership between the EU and Guyana. This progress report, covering 2023 and 2024, provides an overview of the main results achieved by the Instrument and the progress towards the targets set in the Roadmap. It also explains how the Forest Partnership contributes to national objectives, European policies, and international commitments, notably in the context of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

The report emphasises the importance of high-level political dialogue and technical coordination in steering the effective implementation. By adopting the report and making it publicly available, the Partners reaffirm their commitment to accountability and transparency.

3. Conclusions

The Partners have agreed to the following:

1. The Partners endorsed the **First Progress Report** of the EU-Guyana Forest Partnership covering 2023-2024

Done in Georgetown, Guyana, on 4 April 2025

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