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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure  
on halting imports of illegally harvested timber

**Dominique Bilde, Marine Le Pen, Steeve Briois, Sophie Montel**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on halting imports of illegally harvested timber**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of 20 October 2012,
  - having regard to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 607/2012 of 6 July 2010,
  - having regard to Delegated Regulation (EU) No 363/2012 of 23 February 2012,
  - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas eight Member States have still not transposed the EU regulation on illegal import of timber and ten States, including France, have only prepared draft legislation;
- B. whereas the regulation is intended to dissuade countries from exporting illegally harvested timber in an effort to make certified timber more appealing;
- C. whereas the illegal export of timber seriously damages the sector in France and in Europe;
- D. whereas deforestation and forest degradation are responsible for nearly 2% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
- E. whereas the illegal harvesting of timber is used to fund smuggling, encourages corruption and contributes to the destruction of local communities whose livelihood depends on this resource;
1. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the regulation is respected and to bring the illegal import of timber within the territory of the EU to a definitive halt;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.