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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

**Jan Zahradil**

(PE630.528v01-00)

Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade  
(2018/0272M(NLE))



**Amendment 1**  
**Doru-Claudian Frunzulică**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Strongly supports the FLEGT process with Vietnam; welcomes Vietnam's commitment to this process and the progress made so far, including the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA);

*Amendment*

1. Strongly supports the FLEGT process with Vietnam *since about 45% of Vietnam's land area is forested, and the country has a key role in processing in the timber sector in Southeast Asia*; welcomes Vietnam's commitment to this process and the progress made so far, including the Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA);

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. *Underlines* that halting the import of illegal timber from neighbouring countries is a major challenge and an absolute necessity for successful continuation of the process;

*Amendment*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Florent Marcellesi**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

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Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Joachim Zeller**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2 a.   *Recalls that sustainable and inclusive forest management and governance is essential to achieve the objectives set in the Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Joachim Zeller**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2 b.   *Calls on the EU to ensure the coherence of the agreement with all its policies, including in the field of development, environment, agriculture and trade;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**

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Doru-Claudian Frunzulică

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Draws attention to the crucial importance of full stakeholder involvement and of the **major** role that civil society must **be able to** play; **encourages** the Vietnamese Government to further develop the working methods **in relation** to transparency and the timely sharing of documents;

*Amendment*

3. Draws attention to the crucial importance of full stakeholder involvement and of the role that civil society must play **as a fully-fledged actor including the implementation and monitoring of the Agreement; urges** the Vietnamese Government to further develop the working methods to **ensure** transparency and the timely sharing of documents;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Joachim Zeller**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Draws attention to the crucial importance of full stakeholder involvement and of the major role that civil society must be able to play; encourages the Vietnamese Government to further develop the working methods in relation to transparency and the timely sharing of documents;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

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stakeholder involvement and of the role that civil society must be able to play; *acknowledges the efforts of* the Vietnamese Government *and encourages it* to further develop the working methods in relation to transparency and the timely sharing of documents;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 9**

**Florent Marcellesi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Draft opinion*

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##### *Amendment*

3. Draws attention to the crucial importance of full stakeholder involvement and of the major role that civil society must be able to play; encourages the Vietnamese Government to *adopt a time bound Action Plan for VPA implementation, which* further develop the working methods in relation to transparency, *notably by ensuring the effective implementation of guidelines on public disclosure of information* and the timely sharing of documents;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 10**

**Florent Marcellesi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 3 a (new)**

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

**3 a. Stresses the need to end impunity in the forest sector by ensuring that infractions are prosecuted; calls on the Vietnamese Government to ensure the full**

*implementation of provisions on whistle blowers of the VPA to contribute to this objective;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Doru-Claudian Frunzulică**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Recalls that the implementation of the Agreement must complement EU commitments to environmental protection and ensure coherence with commitments to prevent mass deforestation.**

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Joachim Zeller**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Calls on the Commission to continue its FLEGT-related support to Vietnam and to ensure the integrity of the FLEGT process, in particular through the stamping out of illegal timber and the full involvement of civil society in the preparation of measures and monitoring of results;

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Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Florent Marcellesi**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls on the Commission to continue its FLEGT-related support to Vietnam and to ensure the integrity of the FLEGT process, in particular through the stamping out of illegal timber and the full involvement of civil society in the ***preparation of measures and monitoring of results***;

*Amendment*

4. Calls on the Commission to continue its FLEGT-related support to Vietnam and to ensure the integrity of the FLEGT process, in particular through the stamping out of illegal timber and the full involvement of civil society ***both*** in the ***implementation and operationalisation of the Vietnamese Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) decree and the delivery of FLEGT licence***;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Doru-Claudian Frunzulică**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls on the Commission to continue its FLEGT-related support to Vietnam and to ensure the integrity of the FLEGT process, in particular through the ***stamping out*** of illegal timber and the full involvement of civil society in the preparation of measures and monitoring of results;

*Amendment*

4. Calls on the Commission to continue its FLEGT-related support to Vietnam and to ensure the integrity of the FLEGT process, in particular through the ***eradication*** of illegal timber and the full involvement of civil society in the preparation of measures and monitoring of results; ***recalls that in order to ensure effective monitoring the Agreement, and its impact on development, the Commission should continue to regularly report-back to Parliament on the implementation.***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Joachim Zeller**



**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 a. Stresses that poor governance and corruption in the forestry sector accelerate illegal logging and forest degradation; calls on the EU to direct its efforts towards the strengthening of Vietnam's legal framework and institutional capacity, by addressing the technical and economic challenges that impede the effective implementation and enforcement of existing national and international regulation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Florent Marcellesi**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Emphasises that **radical improvement in the enforcement of the EU Timber Regulation is important for** the success of the entire FLEGT initiative.

6. Emphasises that the success of the entire FLEGT initiative **depends i.a. on tackling fraud and corruption which can be found at all stages of the timber trade, from the harvesting of timber, its transportation, processing, manufacturing, exporting, importing and selling; to this effect, calls on the EU to strengthen the scope and enforcement of the EU Timber Regulation to tackle corruption risks in the EU's timber supply chain, including through more regular and systematic controls and investigations in EU harbours ;**

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Mireille D'Ornano**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Emphasises that *radical improvement* in the enforcement of the EU Timber Regulation *is* important for the success of the entire FLEGT initiative.

*Amendment*

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