

**Question for written answer E-010375/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU action plan to combat deforestation

According to the Commission's 2013 study entitled 'The impact of EU consumption on deforestation', the EU was the largest net importer of 'embodied deforestation' between 1990 and 2008, ahead of China and North America. The 7th Environmental Action Plan has proposed that this concerning trend be addressed through the development of an EU action plan on deforestation and forest degradation. Given that the EU has made a commitment to halting global forest cover loss by 2030, action needs to be taken as a matter of urgency.

1. How is the Commission planning to integrate measures to address this commitment into its work programme, especially with regard to an action plan on deforestation?
2. When does the Commission intend to come forward with an EU action plan on this topic?
3. What key pillars does it envisage will be included in such an action plan?