

**Question for written answer E-014145/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Court of Auditors' report concerning EU action against illegal deforestation

The Court of Auditors recently published a report highlighting the measures the EU still needs to take to fight effectively against illegal logging and the trade in illegally harvested timber.

It highlights the slow pace at which the ad hoc European rules that came into force in March 2013 are being applied: four Member States have still not fully transposed it into national law. The European auditors are also disappointed at the results of the Action Plan for suppliers, since only Indonesia and Ghana have so far taken significant measures towards certifying their timber.

What initiatives will the Commission take to remedy the shortcomings identified by the Court of Auditors and thus contribute to preserving the environment of our planet?