

**Question for written answer E-001607/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Forests

The European Parliament recently (on 2 February 2016) adopted its position on the mid-term review of the EU's Biodiversity Strategy¹. The report, which was approved by a large majority, calls on the Commission to 'promote the sustainable management of the world's forests', to prohibit the destruction of natural forests and to take greater account of tropical forests.

- Where does the Commission stand in the development of an EU Action Plan on Deforestation?
- Is it planning to develop sustainability criteria for products and raw materials which lead to deforestation outside the EU (such as palm oil, soy, coffee, metal ore, etc.), as was the case for timber?
- It is expected that the EU's relative share of demand for products and raw materials leading to deforestation will decrease over time. What measures will the Commission include in the EU Action Plan on Deforestation to ensure that other international importers also engage in action against deforestation and forest degradation?

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0034