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

Amendment 1

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the report of UNEP of 2012 entitled 'Green carbon, black trade: illegal logging, tax fraud and laundering in the world's tropical forests'^{1a},*

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http://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/8030/Green%20carbon%20Black%20Trade_%20Illegal%20logging.pdf?sequence=5&isAllowed=y

Or. en

Amendment 2

Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the UN Conventions to tackle crime and corruption, including the UN Convention on Transnational Organised Crime and the UN Convention Against Corruption*

Or. en

Amendment 3

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Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 4

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas Vietnam is a significant country in the context of the timber trade, home to the world's ***sixth-largest***, export-oriented wood processing sector; whereas, as a processing hub, Vietnam is a major exporter of timber products to the EU but also to countries in the region, notably China and Japan;

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Or. en

Amendment 5

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Recital D

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D. whereas Vietnam is a major importer of timber and timber products, with its factories consuming some 34 million cubic meters of timber and timber products in 2017, of which 25 % was imported and 75 % was from domestic plantations, many owned and managed by smallholders; whereas imports grew in value by 68 % over the period 2011-2017;

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D. whereas Vietnam is a major importer of timber and timber products, with its factories consuming some 34 million cubic meters of timber and timber products in 2017, of which 25 % was imported and 75 % was from domestic plantations, many owned and managed by smallholders; whereas imports grew in value by 68 % over the period 2011-2017; ***whereas in recent years, Vietnam has made considerable progress in reducing domestic deforestation and has increased its forested area from 37% in 2005 to 41,65% in 2018, including industrial plantations; whereas Vietnam enforces a prohibition to log domestic natural forest since 2016;***

Or. en

Amendment 6

Maria Arena

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Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the biggest source countries for logs and sawn timber in 2017 were Cameroon, USA and Cambodia, alongside Democratic Republic of Congo as a notable supplier; whereas, since 2015, Cambodia has been Vietnam's second largest tropical timber supplier, in spite of a reported ban⁷ on exports to Vietnam;

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<https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/despite-ban-timber-exports-vietnam-nearing-2016-total>

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Or. en

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Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas in Cambodia the deforestation rate is ranked number 5 in the world and whereas UN statistics show that Cambodia's forest cover fell from 73% in 1990 to 57% in 2010;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E b. whereas, based on Article 3 of Sub-decree No. 131 of November 2006, Cambodia prohibits exports of round logs except from plantations, rough sawn timber except from plantations, square and rectangular timber of thickness and width more than 25 cm^{1b}; whereas all export of natural forest timber products from Cambodia are in principle deemed to be in breach of Cambodian law; whereas, under the VPA, Vietnam is committed to only import timber that has been legally harvested according to the national legislation of the source country;

^{1b} <https://eia-international.org/wp-content/uploads/eia-serial-offender-web.pdf>, p. 6.

Or. en

Amendment 10

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Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas under a VPA, a country commits to setting up a policy with a view to ensuring that only timber verified as legal will be exported to the EU⁸; whereas Vietnam will have to adopt legislation putting in place the Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS), and set up the

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⁸ The VPA covers all major products exported to the EU, particularly the five compulsory timber products as defined in the 2005 FLEGT Regulation (logs, sawn timber, railway sleepers, plywood and veneer) and also includes a number of other timber products such as wood chip particles, parquet flooring, particle board and wooden furniture. The VPA covers exports to all third countries though, at least initially, the licencing scheme only applies to EU exports.

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Or. en

Amendment 11

Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. Whereas promoting this voluntary partnership agreement in the region would play an important role in fostering economic integration and achieving international sustainable development targets; whereas the conclusion of new voluntary partnership agreements – in particular with China, which borders Vietnam and is a major player in the processed wood industry – would make it possible to provide guarantees as to the legality and viability of the trade in timber and timber products in the region;

Or. fr

Amendment 12
Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the signature of the VPA with Vietnam, an agreement designed to bring a complete policy reform in the country aimed at cleaning illegally produced timber from the supply chains of Vietnamese operators; is aware that the full implementation of the VPA will be a long-term process entailing not only the adoption of a whole set of legislation (TLAS) but also ensuring that adequate administrative capacity for implementation and enforcement of the VPA is in place; recalls that FLEGT licencing can start only once Vietnam has demonstrated the readiness of its TLAS system;

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Or. fr

Amendment 13
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Or. en

Amendment 14

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

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Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to allocate adequate resources to the implementation of this VPA, including ensuring adequate resources to the EU Delegation in Hanoi, as well as financial resources in terms of development cooperation to Vietnam to be specifically earmarked for the implementation of the VPA; encourages the Commission and the EEAS to assist the Vietnamese authorities and civil society including by making satellite images available to them;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Jan Zahradil
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Underlines positive developments related to FLEGT and the VPA process during the period of negotiations since 2010 such as consolidation of legislation and regulations, strengthening management and control exploitation of domestic natural forest or clarification of forest land use rights; stresses that Vietnam has recently adopted Forestry Law -which came into effect on 1st January 2019- the law prohibits import to Vietnam of illegally produced timber;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 b. Acknowledges commitments made by Vietnam's wood industry, to eliminate illegal timber from supply chains and raise awareness of these matters; stresses however that a shift in a mindset within the industry as well as robust enforcement is key;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Welcomes Vietnam's commitment to adopt legislation to ensure that only legally produced timber is imported into its market, based on mandatory due diligence for importers, as one of the major achievements of the VPA; recalls that due diligence obligations should not be reduced to a mere box-ticking exercise, but that they should include all necessary steps, such as gathering information, assessing the risks and taking additional measures to mitigate any risk identified with a view to reducing the risk level to 'negligible';

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corresponding to the one provided in the EU Timber Regulation and stresses the need to provide for independent third party submissions in the relevant due diligence legislation; encourages Vietnamese authorities to consider third-party auditing and companies' public reporting as requirements of their due diligence system, as well as to publish handbooks and guidelines to support companies in complying with their obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Government of Vietnam to provide for adequate, dissuasive and proportionate penalties for infringement of legislation implementing TLAS, which would in the case of imports include a full prohibition of the placing on the Vietnamese market of illegal timber, alongside the seizure of such timber;

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Or. en

Amendment 20

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the independent evaluation and complaints and feedback mechanism and calls on the Vietnamese authorities to ensure that these are responded to adequately, including via effective and dissuasive enforcement action when necessary; welcomes the independent monitoring of the VPA implementation by civil society organisations, forest associations, enterprises, trade unions, local communities and people living in the forest areas; stresses the importance of their access to relevant information to enable them to fulfil their role in this process and to further contribute to the credibility of TLAS and its continuous strengthening;

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5. Welcomes the independent evaluation and complaints and feedback mechanism and calls on the Vietnamese authorities to ensure that these are responded to adequately, including via effective and dissuasive enforcement action when necessary; welcomes the ***commitment by Vietnam to ensure*** independent monitoring of the VPA implementation by civil society organisations, forest associations, enterprises, trade unions, local communities and people living in the forest areas; stresses the importance of their access to relevant ***and up to date*** information to enable them to fulfil their role in this process and to further contribute to the credibility of TLAS and its continuous strengthening; ***welcomes the commitment of the Vietnamese authorities to allow access to civil society to the national database on forestry; encourages the Vietnamese government to submit TLAS implementing legislation to public consultation and take into account their feedback;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the independent evaluation and complaints and feedback mechanism and calls on the Vietnamese authorities to ensure that these are responded to adequately, including via effective and dissuasive enforcement action when necessary; ***welcomes the*** independent monitoring of the VPA implementation by civil society organisations, forest associations,

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5. Welcomes the independent evaluation and complaints and feedback mechanism and calls on the Vietnamese authorities to ensure that these are responded to adequately, including via effective and dissuasive enforcement action when necessary; ***expects such mechanism to operate in full transparency and to foster information sharing between civil society and enforcement authorities;***

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enterprises, trade unions, local communities and people living in the forest areas; stresses the importance of their access to relevant information to enable them to fulfil their role in this process and to further contribute to the credibility of TLAS and its continuous strengthening;

urges Vietnamese authorities to support independent monitoring of the VPA implementation by civil society organisations, forest associations, enterprises, trade unions, local communities and people living in the forest areas; stresses the importance of their access to relevant information to enable them to fulfil their role in this process and to further contribute to the credibility of TLAS and its continuous strengthening;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the involvement of civil society organisations **during and following** the VPA **negotiations** and calls on the Government of Vietnam to ensure a genuinely inclusive process during the whole implementation phase and beyond;

Amendment

6. ***Regrets the absence of a wider involvement of civil society organisations during the negotiations;*** Welcomes the involvement of civil society organisations ***for*** the VPA ***implementation*** and calls on the Government of Vietnam to ensure a genuinely inclusive process during the whole implementation phase and beyond; ***stresses the importance of involving local communities both for socio-economic reasons and also in order to ensure proper implementation of the new forestry law and the VPA commitments;***

Or. en

Amendment 23

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 24

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Strongly condemns the illegal timber trade taking place across the Cambodian border and calls on the authorities of both countries to put an immediate and complete stop to the illegal flows; urges the Vietnamese authorities to investigate, remove from function and bring to justice those responsible for having authorised and managed the illegal trade from Cambodia and elsewhere; ***encourages*** the Vietnamese authorities to categorise timber from Cambodia as ‘high risk’ and to ***carefully consider the option of applying an import ban for Cambodia;*** calls on the two countries to foster and improve dialogue; calls on the Vietnamese authorities to apply the same measures to imports from other supplier countries where similar concerns exist or may arise, notably those in Africa;

Amendment

7. Strongly condemns the illegal timber trade taking place across the Cambodian border and calls on the authorities of both countries to put an immediate and complete stop to the illegal flows; urges the Vietnamese authorities to investigate, remove from function and bring to justice those responsible for having authorised and managed the illegal trade from Cambodia and elsewhere; ***welcomes the recent decision taken by the Vietnamese authorities to only allow timber trade through the main international gates, as well as to strengthen enforcement capabilities against illegal trade; urges the Vietnamese authorities to immediately*** categorise timber from Cambodia as ‘high risk’ and to ***make sure Cambodian legislation on harvest and export of timber is respected, in line with VPA commitments; recalls that the presence of Cambodian timber in supply chains risks inflicting reputational damage to the Vietnamese processing industry;*** calls on the two countries to foster and improve

dialogue, *cross-border cooperation and exchange of trade data, and encourages them to rely on the EU to facilitate this dialogue; encourages Vietnam and Cambodia to request support from Interpol to tackle the illegal timber flows and smuggling*; calls on the Vietnamese authorities to apply the same measures to imports from other supplier countries where similar concerns exist or may arise, notably those in Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Strongly condemns the illegal timber trade taking place across the Cambodian border and calls on the authorities of both countries to put an immediate and complete stop to the illegal flows; urges the Vietnamese authorities to investigate, remove from function and bring to justice those responsible for having authorised and managed the illegal trade from Cambodia and elsewhere; encourages the Vietnamese authorities to categorise timber from Cambodia as ‘high risk’ and to carefully consider the option of applying an import ban for Cambodia; calls on the two countries to *foster and improve dialogue*; calls on the Vietnamese authorities to apply the same measures to imports from other supplier countries where similar concerns exist or may arise, notably those in Africa;

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Or. en

Amendment 26

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

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Or. en

Amendment 27

Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Stresses the need to address the regional dimension of illegal logging, transport, processing and trade of illegal timber throughout the supply chain; calls on the Vietnamese authorities to seize the opportunity of the VPA implementation process to strengthen their cooperation on illegal timber trade with neighbouring countries such as Cambodia and Laos;

calls for the inclusion of such regional dimension in the VPA evaluation process by assessing the link between the existence of weaker enforcement mechanisms in other countries of the region and the increase of exports from such countries into the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. *Calls on the Vietnamese authorities to apply the same measures to imports from other supplier countries where similar concerns exist or may arise, notably those in Africa; stresses that imports of timber from Africa to Vietnam increased by over 40% in a year, while this timber is often from countries characterised by weak governance, high levels of corruption and even conflict, with widespread risks of illegality in their timber harvesting;*

Or. en

Amendment 29

Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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the implementation and enforcement of the VPA, as a concrete signal that Vietnam is fully committed to the VPA process;

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Or. en

Amendment 30

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Vietnamese authorities to adopt ***an action plan for VPA implementation; calls on the Vietnamese authorities also to adopt an action plan specifically aimed at addressing ongoing imports of illegally produced timber, that would bridge the gap until TLAS becomes operational, thus retaining a high level of commitment to the VPA process;***

Amendment

9. ***Welcomes the recent adoption by the Vietnamese government of an action plan for the implementation of the VPA, but remains cautious as to the possibility to start FLEGT licencing already in 2021; welcomes the entry into force of the new Forestry Law on 1 January 2019, which includes a prohibition to import illegally produced timber into Vietnam and calls on the Vietnamese authorities to immediately enforce this prohibition and to swiftly adopt implementing measures if necessary, as part of an action plan bridging the gap until TLAS becomes operational;***

Or. en

Amendment 31

Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution

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9. Calls on the Vietnamese authorities to adopt ***a concrete, time bound and measurable roadmap*** for VPA implementation, ***including contingency measures***; calls on the Vietnamese authorities also to adopt an action plan specifically aimed at addressing ongoing imports of illegally produced timber, that would bridge the gap until TLAS becomes operational, thus retaining a high level of commitment to the VPA process ***and steady progress in VPA-related reforms***;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Asks the Commission to annually report to the Parliament on progress made by Vietnam in implementing the VPA, including against the requirements of this Resolution, as well as on the activities of the Joint Implementation Committee, with a view to allowing an informed decision once the delegated act authorizing the acceptance of FLEGT licences will be proposed; is of the view that FLEGT licences should be revoked in case of failure to comply with the commitments of the VPA and calls on the Commission to propose the necessary changes to the relevant EU legislation on FLEGT licences;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Calls on the EU to promote the EU Timber Regulation with all its trade partners and internationally, in order to create a global level playing field in addressing illegal logging

Or. en

Amendment 34
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. Calls on the Commission to foster dialogue with the major importing countries in the region such as China and Japan and to further prioritise the need for concrete solutions to stop illegal timber trade in the bilateral relations with those countries, including in trade relations; supports the Commission in launching VPA negotiations with Vietnam's neighbouring countries as soon as the necessary conditions are fulfilled and urges the Commission and the EEAS to prioritise FLEGT VPAs in future development and cooperation instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Maria Arena

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. ***Calls on the Commission to report regularly to Parliament on the progress made in implementing the VPA, and in particular on how the aforementioned issues have been, and will be, addressed***

Or. en

Amendment 36

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 c. ***Welcomes the inclusion of provisions on sustainable management of forests in the EU-Vietnam FTA, which also make the connection with the VPA; calls on the Commission to pay particular attention to trade in timber and timber products during the implementation of the FTA and to closely monitor trade flows, to make sure the additional trade liberalisation does not entail additional risks of illegal trade;***

Or. en

Amendment 37

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States ***and*** of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

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of Cambodia.

Or. en