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Joint hearing

"Cocoa and Coffee - devastating rainforests and driving child labour: the role of EU consumption and how the EU could help"

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

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14.30 – 14.35	Introductory remarks by Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri , Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights and Ms Linda McAvan , Chair of the Committee on Development
14.35 – 15.45	<i>Panel I - Experience, challenges and EU policy perspectives in tackling child labour in cocoa and coffee production</i> Moderator: Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri , Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights
14.35 – 14.45	Mr Ange Aboa , Reuters Correspondent for West and Central Africa <i>The situation of child labour in West Africa's cocoa and coffee production</i>
14.45 – 14.55	Mr Federico Blanco , Project Coordinator - International and Labour Organisation (ILO), Fundamentals Principles and Rights at Work Branch - Research and Evaluation Unit <i>ILO's experience in tackling child labour in cocoa sector</i>
14.55 – 15.05	Mr Nick Weatherill , Executive Director, International Cocoa Initiative (ICI) <i>Experience of the International Cocoa Initiative in promoting child protection in cocoa-growing communities</i>

15.05 – 15.15	<p>Mr Remco Vahl, Senior Expert - European Commission, Directorate-General for Trade, Unit for Economic Partnership Agreements - African, Caribbean and Pacific, Overseas Countries and Territories</p> <p><i>Perspectives of EU trade policy for promoting sustainable development and contributing to eradicate child labour in cocoa and coffee production</i></p>
15.15 – 15.45	Debate with Members (in the presence of representatives from the diplomatic missions of cocoa and coffee producing countries to the EU)
15.45 – 16.50	<p><i>Panel II - Cocoa and coffee production in rain forests: its effects in terms of sustainable development and the risks of deforestation</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Linda McAvan, Chair of the Committee on Development</p>
15.45 – 15.55	<p>Mr Obed Owusu-Addai, member of the Ghanaian civil society and founding member of the EcoGhana association</p> <p><i>Effects of the cocoa production on forests</i></p>
15.55 – 16.05	<p>Mr John Allotey, Deputy Chief Officer, Ghana Forestry Commission, and Mr Chris Beeko, Director of the Timber Validation Department, Ghana Forestry Commission</p> <p><i>How to protect forests in the production sites of cocoa</i></p>
16.05 – 16.15	<p>Mr Francesco Tramontin, Public Affairs Director, Mondelez International</p> <p><i>Experience and initiatives of the European industry in protecting forests in cocoa and coffee producing countries</i></p>
16.15 – 16.25	<p>Mr Leonard Mizzi, Acting Director - European Commission, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, Directorate for Planet and Prosperity</p> <p><i>EU perspectives on reconciling forest protection and cocoa and coffee production</i></p>
16.25 – 16.50	Debate with Members (in the presence of representatives from the diplomatic missions of cocoa and coffee producing countries to the EU)
16.50 – 17.00	Concluding remarks by the Chairs