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Amendment 30  
Hildegard Bentele
on behalf of the PPE Group

Report  
Delara Burkhardt
Deforestation
2020/2006(INL)

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution  

31 a. Stresses that many of the Union businesses in the supply chain are SMEs and therefore calls for an effective SME-friendly implementation that limits their administrative burden to an unavoidable minimum; considers that an early warning system for businesses should be established to warn businesses whenever they import from regions where deforestation might be taking place;

Or. en
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Is convinced that the EU Timber Regulation, especially its due diligence requirements, represents a good model to build upon for a future EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation, but that a lack of implementation, limited scope of timber products covered and enforcement of the EU Timber Regulation means that it does not live up to its spirit and intent; is of the opinion, therefore, that lessons can be learnt from the EU Timber Regulation for improved implementation and enforcement rules for a future EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation; recalls that the legality of harvesting and trading forest products is currently covered by the EU Timber Regulation, and therefore stresses that double regulation in the future EU legal framework should be avoided and measures regulating the legal and illegal harvest of and trade in forest products should be harmonised;

Amendment

37. Is convinced that the EU Timber Regulation, especially its due diligence requirements, represents a good model to build upon for a future EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation, but that poor implementation, limited scope of timber products covered and enforcement of the EU Timber Regulation means that it does not live up to its spirit and intent; is of the opinion, therefore, that lessons can be learnt from the EU Timber Regulation for improved implementation and enforcement rules for a future EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation; recalls that the legality of harvesting and trading forest products is currently covered by the EU Timber Regulation, and therefore stresses that double regulation in the future EU legal framework should be avoided and measures regulating the legal and illegal harvest of and trade in forest products should be harmonised;

Or. en
Amendment 32
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Highlights that changing the regulatory framework in order to legalise the use of certain areas and modifying tenure rights does not take away the negative impact on human rights and the environment caused by the implementation of this change; therefore stresses that due diligence criteria must include other elements going beyond the legality of action;

Amendment

60. Highlights that changing the regulatory framework in order to legalise the use of certain areas and modifying tenure rights does not take away the negative impact on human rights and the environment caused by the implementation of this change;

Or. en
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 61

61. Notes that the production of forest and ecosystem-risk commodities does not negatively impact on local communities only through direct deforestation, ecosystem degradation and land grabbing, but also through water-grabbing that can affect forest and other ecosystems; 

therefore points out that a legal framework to halt deforestation and degradation of natural ecosystems should cover the issue of the legality of water supply for the production of forest- and ecosystem-risk commodities;

Or. en
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**Amendment 34**
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on behalf of the EPP Group

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**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 68**

*Motion for a resolution*

68. Underlines that the impact of the Union’s consumption of forest and ecosystem-risk commodities needs to be adequately addressed in any follow-up, regulatory or non-regulatory, actions and measures to the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, Farm to Fork Strategy and the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation, including Member States’ national strategic plans;

*Amendment*

68. Underlines that the impact of the Union’s consumption of forest and ecosystem-risk commodities needs to be adequately addressed in any follow-up, regulatory or non-regulatory, actions

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 69

69. Believes that an immediate and radical change in production methods and food consumption patterns is of the utmost importance; believes that it is therefore necessary to introduce effective measures aimed at increasing support for agro-ecological practices and reducing food waste throughout the supply chain; notes the importance of planning targeted awareness-raising actions for consumers in order to increase their understanding of the impact of consumption patterns on forests, biodiversity and the climate, providing support and encouraging food choices centred around plant-based products;

69. Stresses the importance of promoting sustainable diets, by raising consumer awareness of the impacts of consumption patterns and providing information on diets that are better for human health and have a lower environmental footprint; believes that it is necessary to introduce effective measures aimed at increasing support for agro-ecological practices and reducing food waste throughout the supply chain; notes the importance of planning targeted awareness-raising actions for consumers in order to increase their understanding of the impact of consumption patterns on forests, biodiversity and the climate, providing support and encouraging food choices centred around plant-based products;

Or. en
Amendment 36  
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on behalf of the EPP Group  

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Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 74  

74. Stresses that the Union’s bioenergy policy should respond to strict social and environmental criteria;  

74. Stresses that the Union’s bioenergy policy should respond to strict social and environmental criteria; *recalls that RED II limits the contribution to the Union renewable energy target of food and feed crops considered to have a high ILUC-risk, and in relation to which a significant expansion of their feedstock production area into land with high-carbon stock is observed; notes that the contribution of those high ILUC-risk biofuels will be reduced to 0 % by 2030; considers that provision to be vitally important as it limits a negative and unintended impact of the Union's renewable energy policy on global deforestation;*  

Or. en
Amendment 37
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 74 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

74 a. Recalls that the Union addresses the risk of deforestation by means of the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR), the Commission communication of 21 May 2003 ‘Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)-Proposal for an EU Action Plan’, the Voluntary Partnership agreements promoting multi-stakeholder processes in producer countries, and the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II)\(^a\), which include numerous rules and could serve as a valuable basis to minimise the risk of deforestation and illegal logging; notes that RED II extends the obligation to fulfil the Union sustainability criteria from biofuels to all bioenergy end-uses, including heating/cooling and electricity, however, as it only covers raw material used for bioenergy production, it cannot currently ensure that the non-energy use of commodities linked to deforestation or ecosystem conversion as biofuel is not permitted;


Or. en
Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 79

79. Notes that the current definition of the term ‘forest’, its categorisation, and a range of other terms and principles associated with deforestation by sustainable forest management adopted by relevant bodies, for example, the FAO, are purely technical and do not adequately differentiate between natural forest and forest plantations in which the economic function of the forest strongly outweighs its other functions, and emphasises that this could ultimately result in the distortion of data about the area and state of the world’s forests; calls on **relevant stakeholders to unify the use of terminology in accordance with the wording given** in the annex to the draft resolution, and **emphasises the significance of this clarification for the effective use of related instruments**;
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 87

87. Calls for creating early warning alert mechanisms to notify public authorities, companies, including third party schemes, and consumers of commodities originating in areas of ecosystem conversion risk concerning loss and deterioration of forest and areas where human rights have been violated, and to assist in tackling these issues by intensifying dialogue and data sharing with respective third countries;

Amendment

87. Calls for creating early warning alert mechanisms to notify public authorities, companies, including third party schemes, and consumers of commodities originating in areas of ecosystem conversion risk concerning loss and deterioration of forest, and to assist in tackling these issues by intensifying dialogue and data sharing with respective third countries;