

**Question for written answer E-004028/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Request for clarification of the financing agreements with the following countries:
Guyana, Mongolia, Republic of Congo, Uganda and Zambia

On 8 November 2022, the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, signed five financing agreements on behalf of the EU for forest partnerships with the following countries: Guyana, Mongolia, the Republic of Congo, Uganda and Zambia. The aim of signing these partnerships, which are being financed from the EU budget, is said to be to reverse biodiversity loss, reduce deforestation and forest degradation and look for ways to facilitate production of, and trade in, legal and sustainable forest products.

In light of the above, can the Commission state:

1. What total funding has been allocated for the partnerships referred to above, and how much financing is being provided to each partner country;
2. What steps it intends to take to ensure that this funding is managed correctly;
3. Whether it does not feel, given the serious economic crisis in Europe, that these and similar future agreements should be suspended and the financial resources allocated to small and medium-sized enterprises and EU citizens in difficulty?

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