

**Priority question for written answer P-000912/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Imported deforestation: publication of the comprehensive strategic framework

The EU regulation on deforestation (Regulation (EU) 2023/1115) is a significant step forward in tackling deforestation. This legislation seeks to deepen cooperation between the European Union and third countries. Article 30 states that the Commission 'shall develop a comprehensive Union strategic framework for such engagement and shall consider mobilising relevant Union instruments'.

We believe that for this strategic framework to be effective it must support the inclusion of civil society in producer countries and in Europe, promote transparency and bottom-up monitoring mechanisms, provide for the development of meaningful incentives and provide adequate long-term support. Given that the legislation will come into force at the end of 2024, that the EU and its Member States have announced that funds will be available through the Team Europe Initiative on sustainable value chains, that the EU is already engaging in strategic dialogues with several producer countries and that the current Commission's term is soon coming to an end, it is urgent that the Commission publish the comprehensive strategic framework.

Could the Commission specify the date of publication of the framework?

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