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Mr Manfred Weber
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Dr Peter Liese
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Ms Christine Schneider
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Subject: Coordinated approach to the EUDR implementation challenges

Dear Mr Weber,
Dear Dr Liese,
Dear Ms Schneider,

We share a common objective: to ensure that the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) delivers protection of forests worldwide while remaining workable, legally clear and enforceable in practice for all the actors involved. Credible implementation is essential in order to provide clarity and predictability for many farmers, foresters and operators, in particular the small ones, who will bear the highest compliance cost.

The acknowledgement by the European Commission that further clarification and simplification are needed is welcome. However, the adjustments proposed on 21st of October do not yet sufficiently resolve the underlying structural challenges that Member States, operators, and competent authorities are raising.

Key issues remain, particularly regarding:

- The readiness and interoperability of the EU IT system at scale;
- The risk that staggered compliance dates become de facto simultaneous for integrated supply chains, including small and micro operators;
- The possibility of duplicated or non-functional due diligence reporting obligations;
- The capacity of national authorities to conduct consistent and enforceable supervision from day one;
- The lack of legal clarity relating to some information requirements, in particular to geolocation of plots of land;

As a result, there is a real risk of legal uncertainty for operators and authorities, and of implementation that falls short of the Regulation's environmental objectives. To avoid this outcome, we believe that the European Parliament should take coordinated responsibility to ensure a realistic and credible framework for implementation.

We therefore propose that our two Groups work together on a focused reform package, centred on:

1. A “stop-the-clock” mechanism, providing legal certainty while implementation readiness is assessed.
2. Genuine simplification of due diligence obligations, avoiding unnecessary or redundant reporting steps.
3. A harmonised and realistic implementation timeline, aligned with actual supply chain and administrative capacity across Member States.

Early alignment and smooth cooperation increases the chance of securing the most positive outcome at plenary level, resulting in adoption of crucial amendments that would reflect our shared priorities — proportionality, legal certainty, and credible enforcement.

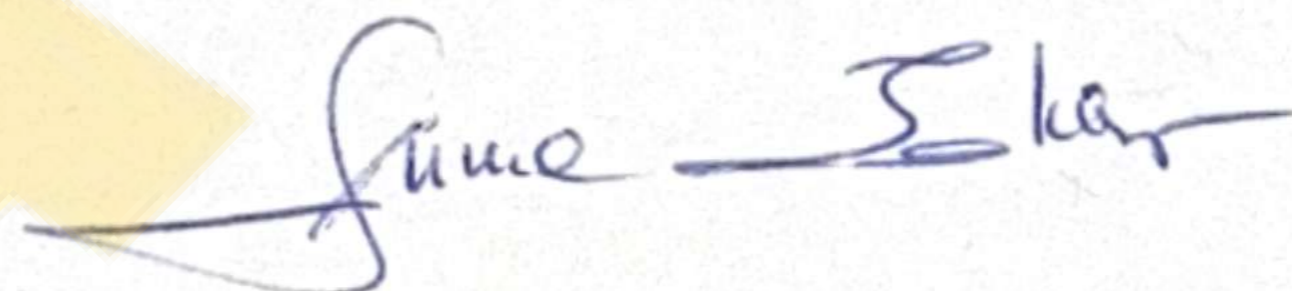
We trust that we can move in this direction together and stand ready to contribute constructively as the process advances.

Yours sincerely,

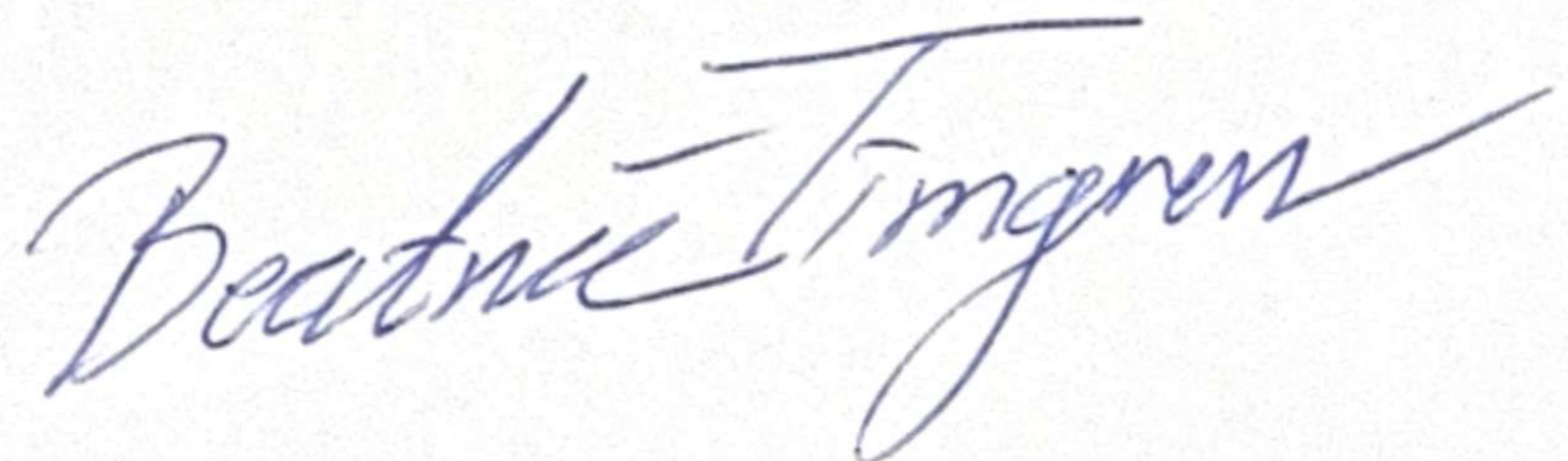
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