



**REPUBLIK INDONESIA**

VOLUNTARY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA  
AND THE EUROPEAN UNION  
ON FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
GOVERNANCE AND TRADE IN TIMBER PRODUCTS  
INTO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

hereinafter referred to as "Indonesia"

and

THE EUROPEAN UNION

hereinafter referred to as "the Union"

hereinafter referred to together as the "Parties",

RECALLING The Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the Republic of Indonesia and the European Community signed on 9 November 2009 in Jakarta;

CONSIDERING the close working relationship between the Union and Indonesia, particularly in the context of the 1980 Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand - member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations;

RECALLING the commitment made in the Bali Declaration on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) of 13 September 2001 by countries from the East Asian and other regions to take immediate action to intensify national efforts and to strengthen bilateral, regional and multilateral collaboration to address violations of forest law and forest crime, in particular illegal logging, associated illegal trade and corruption, and their negative effects on the rule of law;

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NOTING the Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on a European Union Action Plan for Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) as a first step towards tackling the urgent issue of illegal logging and associated trade;

REFERRING to the Joint Statement between the Minister of Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia and the European Commissioners for Development and for Environment signed on 8 January 2007 in Brussels;

HAVING REGARD to the 1992 Non-Legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests, and to the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the Non Legally Binding Instrument on all types of forest;

AWARE of the importance of principles set out in the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in the context of securing sustainable forest management, and in particular of Principle 10 concerning the importance of public awareness and participation in environmental issues and of Principle 22 concerning the vital role of indigenous people and other local communities in environmental management and development;

RECOGNISING efforts by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to promote good forestry governance, law enforcement and the trade in legal timber, including through the Sistem Verifikasi Legalitas Kayu (SVLK) as the Indonesian Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) which is developed through a multi-stakeholder process following the principles of good governance, credibility and representativeness;

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RECOGNISING that the Indonesian TLAS is designed to ensure the legal compliance of all timber products;

RECOGNISING that implementation of a FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreement will reinforce sustainable forest management and contribute to combating climate change through reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forest and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD+);

HAVING REGARD to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and in particular the requirement that export permits issued by parties to CITES for specimens of species listed in Appendices I, II or III be granted only under certain conditions, including that such specimens were not obtained in contravention of the laws of that party for the protection of fauna and flora;

RESOLVED that the Parties shall seek to minimise any adverse impacts on indigenous and local communities and poor people which may arise as a direct consequence of implementing this Agreement;

CONSIDERING the importance attached by the Parties to development objectives agreed at international level and to the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations;

CONSIDERING the importance attached by the Parties to the principles and rules which govern the multilateral trading systems, in particular the rights and obligations laid down in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 and in other multilateral agreements establishing the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the need to apply them in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner;

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HAVING REGARD to Council Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 of 20 December 2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community and to Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market;

REAFFIRMING the principles of mutual respect, sovereignty, equality and non-discrimination and recognising the benefits to the Parties arising from this Agreement;

PURSUANT to the respective laws and regulations of the Parties;

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

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