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H.E Ms. Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Commission
European Commission Rue de la Loi 200/ Wetstraat 200
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Subject: Urgent Call to Uphold and Implement the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) Without Delay

Dear Madam President,

On behalf of the undersigned civil society organizations, we are honoured to submit to you the enclosed joint statement titled *"No More Delays—Implement EUDR Now to Protect Forests, Climate, and Lives."*

We write to you at a time of escalating climate emergencies, biodiversity loss, and increasing social and economic instability worldwide. The European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) represents a landmark policy to safeguard forests, uphold human rights, and strengthen global sustainability. Its timely and uncompromised implementation is crucial not only for the protection of ecosystems but also for ensuring fairness, legal certainty, and resilience in global supply chains.

We are deeply concerned by recent proposals to postpone implementation until 2026 and to introduce additional categories that risk undermining the integrity of the Regulation. Such measures would endanger progress, weaken accountability, and exacerbate the climate and deforestation crises already costing lives and livelihoods around the globe.

Indonesia and other forest-rich nations are undertaking reforms to align with the EUDR, despite the significant challenges faced by smallholders and Indigenous communities. These ongoing efforts deserve strong support and clear commitment from the European Union, not regulatory retreat.

Through the attached statement, endorsed by 29 (twenty-nine) civil society organizations with diverse expertise, we respectfully urge the European Commission, Parliament, and Member States to:

1. **Reject further delays** in EUDR implementation.
2. **Maintain strong enforcement mechanisms**, including transparent benchmarking and geolocation requirements.
3. **Ensure inclusive compliance pathways** that protect the rights of workers, smallholders, and Indigenous communities.
4. **Demonstrate global leadership** in climate and environmental governance.

5. **Reject weakening measures** that compromise environmental standards.
6. **Mobilize technical and financial support** for smallholders to comply with the EUDR while sustaining their livelihoods.

Excellency, the climate crisis is accelerating. Forests are burning, communities are suffering, and economies are under strain. The European Union now has a unique opportunity to lead by example in upholding environmental integrity and climate justice. We trust that your leadership will ensure the full, timely, and uncompromised implementation of the EUDR.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and remain at your disposal for further discussion.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denny Bhatara".

Denny Bhatara

Kaoem Telapak / On behalf of the signatories

CC: The Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission

 The Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission

 The Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission

 The Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

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