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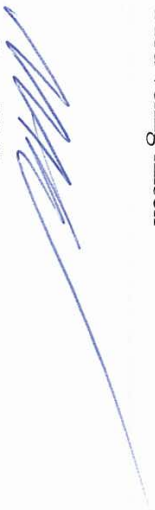
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Med venlig hilsen



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Dear Mr Lund Poulsen,

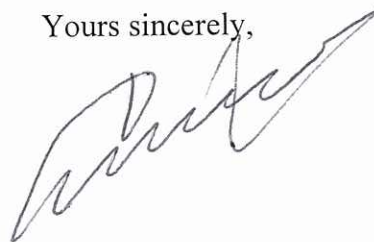
Thank you for your letter of 18th July 2008 addressed to Commissioners Fischer Boel, Michel and myself in which you reiterate your support for an Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production and for additional legislative measures to complement the FLEGT VPA initiative in the fight against illegal logging and the associated trade.

As regards the first initiative, it was adopted by the College of Commissioners before the summer and the dossier was transmitted to the Council on 18th July.

On the second initiative, considerable preparatory work was needed to develop a robust legislative proposal. In line with its standard practice the Commission consulted stakeholders and conducted an ex ante impact assessment which concluded on a legislative proposal premised on the due diligence principle which requires operators to exercise sufficient care in ensuring that they only place legally harvested timber and timber products on the Community market. The Commission proposal for a Regulation was adopted on 17th October.

In considering the way forward, I look forward to continuing our good cooperation on this dossier.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Lund Poulsen
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