



Record of Discussion

2nd IND-EU FLEGT-VPA Joint Implementation Committee

Jakarta, 12 February 2015

Introduction

On Behalf of Mr. Bambang Hendroyono, Director General of Forest Management from Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF), Dr Putera Prathama (Senior Advisor of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry on Cooperation and International Trade) opened the Meeting. The meeting was then co-chaired by Dr Putera Prathama representing the Government of Indonesia and Mr Colin Crooks from the European Union Delegation.

Agenda 1. Annex Revisions

Annexes I, II, V and the Appendix to Annex V of the VPA have been thoroughly revised based on inputs from stakeholders and is in line with new regulations. No fundamental changes were made to the VPA. The meeting endorsed the recommendation to adopt the amendments to the VPA annexes. The meeting agreed on the Annex revisions and will submit them for approval following the respective procedures.

Agenda 2. The Rules of Procedure (RoP) and Rules of Arbitration (RoA)

The meeting agreed the Rules of Procedures (RoP).

The Rules of Arbitration (RoA) remains in discussion. Both sides agreed that this legal issue still needs further consideration but they also do not wish this issue to hinder the process.

Agenda 3. Update Progress on Second IDN-EU Action Plan on advancement of FLEGT-VPA Implementation including the operational of the Joint Working Group (JWG)

The Second Action Plan that was agreed by the last Joint Expert Meeting (JEM) was presented. This will be followed up through JWG Mechanism. The DG has signed a decree establishing the JWG as agreed at the Joint Expert Meeting (JEM) on 29th January 2015. The JIC noted that the work of the JWG should be supported by the JIC Secretariat, EFI and MFP. The meeting noted with appreciation the progress made on the Action Plan.

Agenda 4. Update Progress on Communication

The meeting re-affirmed the importance of open communication and mechanism is now in place to ensure the flow of information to stakeholders. A number of documents as listed in the minutes of meeting, are approved ready for publication after JIC including a Press Release of the JIC, and that other documents are in the pipeline. The meeting noted with appreciation the progress on communication.

Agenda 5. Update Progress of FLEGT-VPA Monitoring and Evaluation

Progress of the design of the monitoring system and the periodic evaluation were reported. The meeting took note and appreciated the progress in relation to the Impact Monitoring, Periodic Evaluation and Independent Market Monitoring.

Agenda 6. AOB

The timeline was discussed together with the Action Plan, and JEMs were set for the 26th March and the 14th May. The next (3rd) JIC meeting was agreed to try to accelerate the Action Plan so that it would be possible to hold 3rd JIC earlier.

An electronic FLEGT licencing system is under development in the EU to simplify the process.

Closing

The Co-Chairs delivered their closing remarks. The meeting adjourned.