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Common list of demands:

Europe is facing a crisis of illegal logging within our own borders. Romania's ecologically high-value forests are being cut illegally and sold throughout Europe and the world to feed demand for biomass and wood products. European governments, companies and consumers must respond immediately if they do not want to be supporters of forest crime

Europe has a new law, the EUTR, meant to stop the trade of illegal wood within the EU. How powerful are laws in the EU if they don't stop the destruction of Europe's own last virgin forests?

We, the undersigned non-governmental organizations, call on policy makers, enforcement officials, companies, and consumers to stand up to prove that Europe is no longer open for business for illegal wood.

European Commission and member states should:

- Identify and close loopholes which allow illegal timber to be sold throughout Europe with impunity
- Include all wood and paper products
- Ensure strong and consistent penalties under the EUTR in all member states and ensure consistent implementation and enforcement of the law across the EU 28 Member States

European companies should:

- "Operators": Ensure rigorous due diligence systems to avoid purchasing of illegal wood products
- "Traders": Systematically control your supplies and act diligently to exclude illegal products
- Be transparent