



# NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/102

Geneva, 18 August 2023

CONCERNING:

EUROPEAN UNION

Sustainability criteria for timber non-detriment findings:  
Request for feedback to be submitted to the European Commission

1. The Secretariat is submitting this Notification to the Parties at the request of the Plants Committee and the European Union.
2. At its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting (PC26, Geneva 2023), the Plants Committee considered document [PC26 Doc. 18](#) submitted by the European Union (EU) on *Sustainability criteria for timber non-detriment findings* where the European Union asks for feedback from Parties and range States that export CITES-listed timber species.
3. At PC26, concerns were raised by members of the Plants Committee and several observer Parties regarding the document, as detailed in the summary record of the meeting (see PC26 SR, item 18).
4. The Plants Committee noted the concerns raised regarding document PC26 Doc. 18<sup>1</sup> and invited the Secretariat to publish a Notification to the Parties to refer any feedback on document PC26 Doc. 18 to the European Union.
5. In accordance with this, Parties are invited to review document PC26 Doc. 18 (which is also available as an Annex to the present Notification) and submit any feedback they might have to the Global Environmental Cooperation and Multilateralism unit of the European Commission via e-mail at [env-cites@ec.europa.eu](mailto:env-cites@ec.europa.eu), **no later than 31 October 2023**.

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<sup>1</sup> See [PC26 Sum. 2 \(Rev. 1\)](#) and [PC26 SR](#).