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to the Commission
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Subject: Sustainable palm oil supply chain for the world

With regard to the Amsterdam Declaration of 7 December 2015 in support of a fully sustainable palm oil supply chain by 2020, five Member States (Denmark, Germany, France, the UK and the Netherlands) have declared government support for the scheme to make the palm oil industry 100 % sustainable. They also want to end illegal deforestation by private companies by 2020.

Palm oil is considered the world's most important plant oil. Since Europe is the second largest global import market for palm oil, Europe can be a game changer when it comes to ensuring a sustainable palm oil supply chain for the world.

What are the Commission's views on the Amsterdam Declaration, and are there any plans to build on this agreement at EU level? Does the Commission consider it difficult to ensure the commitment of the companies and countries involved in this industry to make the palm oil industry sustainable?