



1 **Prevention of deforestation in Ukraine**

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4 The area of forest in Ukraine covers less than 14% of its vast territory. This is why, in 2015, to
5 prevent further deforestation, and to promote rational management of natural resources, a
6 moratorium was introduced on the export of untreated timber from Ukraine.

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8 **Taking into consideration the** climate change **and the present state of environment in**
9 **Ukraine**, such an approach was consonant with both national and global environmental
10 protection interests,
11 and the principles of a 'green economy'.

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13 However, outside Ukraine, this legislative act by the Ukrainian parliament **considered** as
14 being contrary to the principles of free trade. In particular, the European Union has made the
15 provision of EUR 600 million in macro-financial assistance conditional on the cancellation of
16 the above-mentioned moratorium.

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18 We, the European Greens, emphasise that the consideration of environmental factors must
19 be a priority in the process of international economic cooperation.

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21 We call on the European Commission **to cancel its** demand to lift the moratorium on the
22 export of untreated timber as a precondition for providing macro-financial assistance to
23 Ukraine, **and support the country in** its transition towards sustainable development.

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