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NATIONAL REPORT ON ILLEGAL LOGGING

(Prepared by the State Forestry Committee of Ukraine)

Summary*

Illegal logging in Ukraine is considered to be logging without a permit, as a result of which high-quality trees of the most valuable species - oak, beech, pine and spruce - are felled. Trees are cut down illegally by criminals at night, when there is no forest protection. The largest volume of unauthorized logging takes place in the Carpathian region and Polesie.

There have been isolated incidents in which trees have been damaged or burned so that they could later be logged. However, there is no direct evidence that such acts were deliberate. According to data obtained from forest enterprises and monitoring, the volume of illegal logging in Ukraine is less than 1 per cent of the volume of timber procured. We have no information on trade of illegally logged timber.

The main reasons for illegal logging and even a certain increase in the volume of such logging in recent years are the population's low standard of living and the constant demand for such timber by individuals and enterprises that have the capacity to process timber.

* This document has been submitted late due to the need for extensive internal consultations.