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**Cc:** [redacted] (TRADE)  
**Subject:** Flash report: Indonesia - palm oil

*At Indonesia's request, [redacted] met a delegation from Indonesia on 10 February 2016, led by [redacted] of the Embassy of Indonesia, and Mr Bayu Krishnamurthi, Director of the Indonesia Oil Palm Estate Fund and former deputy Minister for Trade. They were accompanied by seven representatives from the Government of Indonesia. Also present from DG Trade were [redacted] and the undersigned. The delegation subsequently met with DG Calleja (ENV).*

Indonesia expressed their concerns about the negative perception of palm oil in the EU and some potentially trade restrictive measures envisaged by certain EU MS. In this regard, they pointed to the potential incompatibility of such measures with WTO rules. They asked for guidance on promoting palm oil in the EU.

Indonesia stated that it supported sustainable palm oil and described both voluntary (RSPO) and mandatory (ISPO) certification schemes. It called on the Commission to help dispel the negative perceptions and to adopt a consistent approach towards palm oil in line with the Amsterdam Declaration of December 2015 in Support of a Fully Sustainable Palm Oil Supply Chain by 2020 (N.B. of which the COM is not a signatory, but only some MS).

[redacted] mentioned certain unsustainable behaviours such as land grabbing and deforestation as causes for such reactions in the EU. He noted, however, that imports of palm oil from Indonesia into the EU continued to increase. He encouraged Indonesia to continue and strengthen its efforts on sustainability. The EU was ready to cooperate with Indonesia to create a conducive trade environment.

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