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## **Global Witness 'Blood Timber' Recommendations**

Global Witness recommends:

- Importing countries in Europe enforce the EU Timber Regulation against all companies that have placed CAR wood or derived products on the EU market since March 2013.
- The EU suspends its timber trade deal with CAR, the so-called Voluntary Partnership Agreement.
- France ends all grants, subsidies or technical support of CAR's industrial logging sector.
- The Chinese government introduces a law banning illegal timber imports and cuts all trade links to CAR's logging industry.
- The international community supports the introduction of a moratorium on all industrial logging operations in CAR and the establishment of a Forest Sector Review Committee to investigate the financing of armed conflict, illegality and corruption in the sector.
- The UN Panel of Experts examines the links between the timber industry and trade with the financing of armed groups.