

Statement on Moratorium and work of the Amazon Soya Working Group

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The *European Customer Group* (see list of companies below) acknowledges and welcomes the decision to extend the initiative for another year in order to complete the development and implementation of the tools to operate in the Amazon biome without driving further deforestation.

In particular, we applaud the positive progress of the GTS (Soy Working Group) in the past years and recognise that much has been achieved. However, we agree that the process needs to continue.

We renew our commitment to remaining actively engaged. To this end, companies will continue to recognise the work being done within their supply chains.

We encourage the pace of progress to be maintained and support the extension of the moratorium for another year to help keep the momentum of activity and urgency going. We are optimistic that the necessary elements that are still outstanding, which have been identified by the representatives of the GTS will be successfully addressed during this time. However, we expect the moratorium to remain in existence until all commitments have been fulfilled.

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