

Environmentalists want illegally logged timber banned in EU

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BRUSSELS, Belgium: An environmental group is calling on the European Union to pass laws preventing illegal timber from being sold in Europe. It says it has discovered illegal timber in four EU construction projects.

Friends of the Earth says timber from the Amazon and other places where large-scale and often illegal logging takes place was used in projects financed by the EU.

The European Commission has acknowledged some 1,000 square meters (10,764 square feet) of illicit Indonesian plywood was used in the renovation of the top floor of its headquarters. President Jose Manuel Barroso has his offices on that floor.

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