**OEIGWG 24-28 October 2022 - EU comments based on EU legislative proposals**

*The following comments aim to inform about relevant developments in the EU and notably the recent legislative proposals in the area of due diligence. They do not represent a negotiating position on behalf of the EU on the draft text. The proposals are under legislative procedure and under discussion by the EU co-legislators (European Parliament and Council).*

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**Article 13 International cooperation**

With the caveat that this does not represent a negotiating position on behalf of the EU, the EU would like to provide some comments on the issue of international cooperation based on the recent legislative proposal by the [European Commission for a Directive on CSDD](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52022PC0071).

The Proposal provides that the European Commission and Member States should continue to work in partnership with third countries to support upstream economic operators build the capacity to effectively prevent and mitigate adverse human rights and environmental impacts of their operations and business relationships, paying specific attention to the challenges faced by smallholders.

The Proposal foresees that the EU Member States and Commission should provide accompanying measures to companies in the scope of the Directive and to actors along global value chains that are indirectly impacted by the obligations of the Directive. Such support can range from the operation of dedicated websites, portals or platforms to financial support to SMEs, and facilitation of joint stakeholder initiatives. This could include working with partner country governments, the local private sector and stakeholders on addressing the root causes of adverse human rights and environmental impacts.