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Dear Eduardo,

PEFC Russia have read and acknowledged your letter and an announcement on the website www.pefc.org that timber from Russia and Belarus is considered as “conflict”. Numerous concerns from CBs, certificate holders and companies related to forest certification that PEFC Russia have got in this regard bind us to apply to you with the following issues for clarification:

1. Why does not PEFC Council’s statement correspond with the term “conflict timber” and why is PEFC regulatory framework used selectively and tendentiously?
2. As you know, military operation on the territory of the Ukraine involves criminal nationalist groupings that got weapon also from NATO countries and committed genocide against the Ukrainian people. So, why is not the timber from the territory of Ukraine considered as “conflict timber”?
3. How can the clarification from PEFC International be applied to:

- CoC and SFM processes?

- production, transportation, shipping and trade of previously (before 2 March 2022) certified timber and timber products as well as timber and timber products certified after 2 March 2022?

4. Why is the deadline for application of conflict timber restrictions limited to 6 months?

In accordance with PEFC International Statutes, National Governing Bodies can be guided by the decisions of the Board and the General Assembly presented in the minutes. Thus, we kindly ask you to provide us the minutes of PEFC Board meeting and a full clear technical guidance for CBs, certificate holders and customers on how to implement the clarification issued by PEFC International.

In its activities PEFC Russia is fully committed to UN Resolution which “urges the immediate peaceful resolution of the conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine through political dialogue, negotiations, mediation and other peaceful means”.

We would also like to underline that international humanitarian law shall be respected.

Best regards,
PEFC Russia

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