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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Director  
Legal Affairs Service

The Directors  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau  
Land Management Bureau

FROM : The OIC Director  
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **UPDATES ON THE DENR'S SUPPLEMENTARY INPUTS TO  
THE EU GSP + MONITORING**

DATE : 22 AUG 2022

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This has reference to the letter dated 12 August 2022 from Assistant Secretary Allan B. Gepty of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), informing the DENR of the upcoming DTI's EU GSP+ Technical Mission in Brussels, Belgium on 27 August 2022 to 4 September 2022.

The said mission aims to engage with different EU institutional bodies to lobby their support in the Philippine's reapplication to the new GSP+ scheme. It likewise aims to further clarify issues and concerns in relation to the country's compliance with the international core convention on human rights, government, labor rights, and the environment.

It may be recalled, following the conduct of the 4th European Union-Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (EU GSP+) Monitoring Mission last 28 February 2022 to 4 March 2022, the Department provided a supplemental information related to the following:

1. Updates on the Alternative Minerals Management Act
2. Updates on the ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol and
3. Pending bills regarding land use and environment: National Land Use Bill, Sustainable Forest Management Bill, the Mining Act Amendment Bill
4. Data on the ban of open-pit mining projects from Environment and Natural Resources Secretary López (i.e., cancellations, suspensions, reconsiderations, and appeals) and studies on the environmental impact of the ban.

In cognizance of the valuable information the Department has provided during the 4th EU GSP Mission, DTI is requesting for updates on the above-stated supplemental information we have provided.

In this regard, may we kindly request updates on the above-stated issues under the purview of your office. We would appreciate receiving an advance copy of your responses by **22 August 2022** through our email address: [psddivision@gmail.com](mailto:psddivision@gmail.com), copy furnished [policy@denr.gov.ph](mailto:policy@denr.gov.ph), to facilitate immediate submission of the same to the DTI. Attached are the relevant documents provided by the secretariat.

For your appropriate action, please.

  
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**[Request for updates] DENR's Supplementary Input to the EU GSP+**

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**Sent on behalf of Assistant Secretary Allan B. Gepty**

Dear Undersecretary Leones:

Please find enclosed the letter from DTI Assistant Secretary on the EU-GSP+ Mission in Brussels, Belgium on 27 August to 04 September. The DTI acknowledges the valuable supplementary information provided by your office following the conduct of the 4th Monitoring Mission last 28 February to 4 March 2022.

In this regard, the Department would like to respectfully request for additional updates or information that can be shared with the EU during the Mission. It would be highly appreciated if the Department could receive your feedback on or before Monday, 22 August 2022 through email at AmadoAlphonsoHermoso@dti.gov.ph (copy: brd\_eu@dti.gov.ph; IrishCassandraTongohan@dti.gov.ph; LatticeAngeliqueAndriano@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

**Alphonso N. Hermoso**

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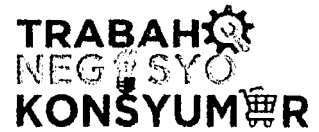
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12 August 2022

**ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES**

Undersecretary  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
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Dear Undersecretary Leones:

The Department of Trade and Industry is set to undertake the **European Union-Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (EU-GSP+) Technical Mission** in Brussels, Belgium on **27 August to 04 September 2022**, which will be led by the undersigned.

The purpose of the mission is to engage various EU institutional bodies (e.g., Members of the Parliament (MEPs), the European Commission (EC), business chambers, and civil society organizations) as part of the Department's overall efforts to maintain the country's beneficiary status under the EU-GSP+ and to lobby for the EU's support in the Philippines' reapplication to the new GSP+ scheme. The mission likewise aims to further clarify issues and concerns in relation to the country's compliance with the international core conventions on human rights, good governance, labor rights, and the environment.

The DTI acknowledges the valuable supplementary information provided by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) following the conduct of the 4th Monitoring Mission last 28 February to 4 March 2022. In this regard, the Department would like to respectfully request for additional updates or information that can be shared with the EU during the Mission.

It would be highly appreciated if the Department could receive your feedback on or before **Monday, 22 August 2022** through email at [AmadoAlphonsoHermoso@dti.gov.ph](mailto:AmadoAlphonsoHermoso@dti.gov.ph). Your office may likewise contact Mr. Hermoso for any related questions or concerns.

Thank you for DENR's utmost support and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

**ATTY. ALLAN B. GEPTY**  
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