Position on Post-2015 Development Agenda: Partnership

The European Commission (EC) has formally set out its views on "global efforts that will be needed to eradicate poverty and boost sustainable development" in a Communication entitled "Global Partnership for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development after 2015" that was jointly prepared by Federica Mogherini, High Representative and Vice-President; Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development; and Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. EU Press Release, 5 February 2015. Online at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-4141_en.htm. [TRY]

Wildlife Trade: Trophy Control

The EC has adopted new measures addressing the import of hunting trophies, designed to ensure that any such imports are legal and sustainable. The new measure focuses on iconic species (African lion, polar bear, African elephant, Southern white rhinoceros, hippopotamus and argali sheep). From now on, permits to import such trophies will only be delivered once the EU is convinced that the import meets sustainable hunting criteria. EU Press Release. 5 February 2015. Online at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-4142_en.htm. [TRY]

Peru: UN Experts Warn of Environmental Human Rights at Risk

Two United Nations human rights experts have issued a statement opposing the proposed re-licensing of further oil extraction from heavily polluted land in the Loreto region of Peru, which they claim would perpetuate and exacerbate serious violations of human rights of indigenous peoples, including their right to health, food and water. The proposed re-licensing is based on a signed agreement between the State-owned oil company and indigenous communities to clean up land and water contaminated by 44 years of oil spills. Health statistics indicate that 98 percent of children in the affected communities surpass the admissible levels of toxic metals in their blood. UN Press Release. 17 December 2014. Online at http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=49607#.VOOWvi4yTIg. [TRY]

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