

# DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE PURSUANT TO AN INVITATION AT EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5(3) OF ANNEX I TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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<b>PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN</b>
<b>REÇU LE</b>
30 MAR. 2015
Unité Administration des Députés

*I, the undersigned, on my honour and in full cognisance of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, in particular Annex I thereof containing the Code of Conduct for Members, hereby declare, pursuant to Article 5(3) of the Code of Conduct, and the decision taken by the Bureau on 15 April 2013, that I have, pursuant to an invitation and in the performance of my duties as a Member of the European Parliament, attended at the following event organised by a third party where my travel, accommodation or subsistence expenses were paid or reimbursed by a third party:*

Date: 19/03/2015

**STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS DECLARATION ARE MADE UNDER THE SOLE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER AND MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN THE LAST DAY OF THE NEXT MONTH FOLLOWING THE FINAL DATE OF THE MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE AT AN EVENT PURSUANT TO THE BUREAU DECISION OF 15 APRIL 2013.**

This declaration will be published on Parliament's website.

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**THE SIGNED ORIGINAL SHOULD THEN BE SENT TO:**

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MANDATORY INFORMATION		INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED	TO BE COMPLETED ACCORDINGLY
THIRD PARTY	Name, function and address of the third party who reimbursed or paid the expenses of the Member <sup>2</sup>	The Government of Malaysia	
TYPE OF EXPENSES COVERED	Travel:	No - I paid my own travel expenses to and from Malaysia.	
	Accommodation:	Yes Name of hotel and Number of nights: Hilton Hotel Kuala Lumpur (2 nights), accommodation at United Plantations (1 night), Pullman Hotel Kuching (2 nights)	
	Subsistence expenses:	No	
	Dates (and duration) of the Member's attendance at the event:	21 February 2015 - 26 February 2015	
DETAILS OF THE EVENT ATTENDED	Type of event (if the event programme is not available for attachment hereto, give explanation in comments' section below):	Meetings with prominent palm oil producers, scientists, small holders and governmental officials	
	Venue (country, city):	Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur and Kuching	
OPTIONAL INFORMATION			

<sup>2</sup> If the third party is registered in the Transparency Register, reference can be made hereto.

Invited by H.E Zainuddin Yahya, Head of the Mission of Malaysia to the EU and the Government of Malaysia in my capacity as member of the European Parliament's ASEAN delegation, I took part in a fact finding mission to see and assess palm oil production in Malaysia and the efforts this industry has put in place with regards to its production to ensure sustainable development. During the trip we visited the United Plantations palm oil production site (located on peninsula Malaysia), visited the small holder supervision sit (located in the city of Kuching, in the region of Sarawak) managed by SALCRA (Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority), met with Regional Ministers, Deputy Chief Minister for Modernisation and Agriculture of Sarawak alongside other regional officials, met with backbench Members of the Malaysian parliament in Kuala Lumpur and also visited the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) headquarters in Kuala Lumpur to gain insight into technological advances in palm oil development, use in existing and new products and how such use is being brought to market in an environmentally sustainable way.

COMMENTS