Unilever response to the allegations against the Salim Group

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Unilever does not source palm oil from companies that we can identify as Salim Group directly and (since May 2018) no longer indirectly. We support a process where Lonsum and the Salim Group removes the RSPO breaches from its entire supply chain and ask them to take responsibility in delivering the No Deforestation, No Peat, and No Exploitation (NDPE) commitments.

The findings from the RSPO investigation are very concerning and show that these issues need to be addressed at the Group level. We support a process which will deliver a clear and transparent action plan and timeframe under the monitoring and verification of the RSPO.

We are beginning to see a real shift in the industry in terms of transparency and progress towards the identification of issues and resolutions of grievances. Strong support and engagement from all value chain players is needed to create a process whereby Lonsum and the Salim Group can progress on a committed timebound action plan to address the needed change.