H. Illegal exploitation and trade of timber in Eastern Equatoria

102. As the Panel previously reported, the illegal exploitation and trade of timber, in particular of teak, mahogany and afzelia africana, by SSPDF and SPLA-IO in areas under their control is a risk to the peace, security and stability of Central Equatoria and Eastern Equatoria (see S/2019/301 and S/2019/897).

103. To combat the illegal exploitation of the country’s natural resources, in 2019 the Transitional National Legislature called for a steep increase in tariffs on the timber trade and estimated that a tariff of just $6.50 for a truckload of timber was too low.\(^{157}\)

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