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Harvey --

Yes, we had heard in March or April, I think, that Peru's was going to set a quota due to pressure from the EU based upon the results of a Secretariat and EU trip to Peru to assess the mahogany situation there. The EU, as you know, has stricter domestic legislation that requires them to do an import non-detriment finding for Appendix II species and they were having difficulty doing that with Peru. And after the trip apparently, they had even greater difficulty as they found that Peru was still on the first basic first steps of setting up a management plan that would allow them to determine legality and sustainability of harvest. We were copied on an email from the EU to NRDC about the request of the EU to Peru to set a conservative export quota that came out of their March or April Scientific Review Group (SRG) -- I will try to find that email in Peter's email archives. IWPA asked us about this quota as well as they were very upset about Peru setting an export quota and wanted to be a part of that quota setting effort. They were very concerned that a quota would be set at levels lower than the imports of 2004 -- U.S. 2004 imports were much lower than the previous year -- about 19,000 cubic meters as compared to 2003 which were 35,000 cubic meters. We told them that we weren't involved in that quota setting pressure, it was not uncommon for Parties set set national export quotas, and they needed to contact Peru about being involved. I will also try to find Peter's letter to IWPA about this as well and send it to you. Apparently, Peru had was asked by the EU to set a conservative quota before the next SRG meeting in early June so the EU could decide what to do about making an import non-detriment for Peruvian mahogany imports. IWPA called Peter last week indicating that they had heard that Peru set the quota but wanted more info We told IWPA that we would ask our people at the Plants Committee for information on this. Hence, the download from Roddy. In addiiton, to the quota, the EU wants a delegation to go down to Peru in about 4 months and wants the U.S. to be involved in that. We haven't heard anything more about that visit.

That is pretty much the basics of what I remember about about this issue. I will track down those electronic docs from Peter's archives and send them to you so you can send them on to the embassy.

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