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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the negotiations on a free trade agreement with Mercosur

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the negotiations on a free trade agreement with Mercosur

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union faced unprecedented waves of protest against the free-trade treaties with Canada (which were adopted anyway) and with the US;
- B. whereas US citizens' opposition to the TPP and TAFTA rightly put a stop to those agreements;
- C. whereas, in spite of all the above, the EU is planning to launch negotiations with the Mercosur countries: Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela and soon Bolivia;
- D. whereas agricultural produce accounts for 43% of exports from Mercosur countries; whereas French farmers, whose livelihoods are already being threatened by EU policies, will therefore bear the brunt of this new free trade agreement, concluded with a group of countries which cover an enormous area and have some 300 million inhabitants;
- E. whereas, ultimately, these farmers will not be able to compete with their counterparts in Latin American countries;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to cease all free-trade discussions with Mercosur.