

**Question for written answer E-001286/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU-Mercosur Association Agreement

On 27 January 2015, the Brazilian Minister for Development, Industry and Foreign Trade, Armando Monteiro Neto, said that Brazil was ready to present its market access offer as part of the negotiations on the Association Agreement with the European Union. He also said that Mercosur was now waiting for the EU to make its offer. The Brazilian Minister's position is that the signing of the agreement between the two blocs would strengthen Mercosur. Reaching an agreement is in the interests of both parties, as repeatedly stressed by official representatives of Mercosur and the EU.

1. What stage has been reached on the EU's proposed offer?
2. When will the Commission present this offer?