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to the Commission**

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Subject: Situation of EU banana producers

Since 2013 the EU has implemented trade agreements with Central American countries and with Peru and Colombia, and then with Ecuador in 2017.

Prices on the European market have been decreasing for several years, while product supply has been on the increase. Ecuador, Colombia and Costa Rica provide nearly two-thirds of the European market's bananas, encouraged by preferential trade tariffs.

According to the joint declaration which was annexed in 2017 to the stabilisation mechanism for bananas under these agreements, the Commission would, by 1 January 2019, assess the situation of Union banana producers.

On 16 January 2019, Parliament adopted two resolutions calling on the Commission to provide an assessment of the situation of European banana producers and an impact analysis of the exceedance of the import thresholds for bananas by Nicaragua, Guatemala and Peru. In 2018 these were 572%, 214% and 130% respectively.

Will the Commission state whether this assessment of the situation of EU banana producers was carried out and, if so, what conclusions it reached?

If not, why has the assessment not yet taken place?