

**Question for written answer P-006899/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: 11th WTO Ministerial Conference and the CAP

The 11th WTO Ministerial Conference is to be held in Buenos Aires from 10-13 December 2017. The issue of domestic support is to be discussed, with a view to meeting the expectations of a large majority of WTO members.

Although there is uncertainty surrounding the outcome of those negotiations, the Commission has said that it wishes to propose, alongside Brazil, Colombia, Peru and Uruguay, a lower ceiling for aid that has a distortionary effect on trade – measured as a percentage of the value of agricultural production ('amber box') – as well as a commitment to subsequent negotiations aimed at reducing aid notified in the 'blue box' category.

1. To what extent is such a proposal likely to be of economic and social benefit to European agriculture? Could the Commission send Parliament the impact assessment on the consequences of such a proposal, if one has been carried out?
2. Could the Commission confirm that the position concerned is an end point for the negotiations, and under no circumstances a starting point that might unduly pre-empt the next CAP reform?