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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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Subject: Joint declaration by the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries and the delegations of the Mercosur Parliament and the national parliaments of the Mercosur countries to the Latin American Parliament participating in the meeting of the EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly held in Cuenca in November 2010, on the negotiations for the EU-Mercosur Strategic Association Agreement

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The members of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries and the delegations of the Mercosur Parliament and the national parliaments of the Mercosur countries to the Latin American Parliament participating in the meeting of the EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly held in Cuenca, Ecuador, on the occasion of the meetings of the standing committees of the EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly held on 5 November 2010,

HAVING REGARD TO the importance of the relationship between Mercosur and the European Union, in the light of their historical links, cultural values and political and commercial ties,

HAVING REGARD TO the framework agreement for regional integration subscribed to in 1995 by Mercosur and the EU,

WHEREAS at the Fifth LAC-EU Summit held in Lima in 2008 the Presidents and Heads of State of the LAC countries and the EU underlined the importance of achieving a far-reaching and balanced Mercosur-EU Association Agreement, and reiterated their commitment to bringing the negotiations to a successful conclusion as soon as circumstances permit, building on the work already done,

WHEREAS at the Fourth Mercosur-EU Summit held in Madrid on 17 May 2010, both parties stressed their commitment to proceeding without delay to the conclusion of the negotiations, in order to establish an Association Agreement leading to closer relations and offering major political and economic benefits to both sides,

HAVING REGARD TO the importance of the work of the EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly and its contribution to the EU-LAC Strategic Biregional Partnership, with a view to the strengthening, development and visibility of that partnership as an organ of consultation, control and monitoring,

HAVING REGARD TO the representative and plural nature of the parliamentary bodies as broad forums for debate based on the political, ideological and cultural diversity of their members,

REAFFIRMING the fundamental role played by the parliaments in achieving forms of consensus and equilibrium which can contribute to sustainable and integral development for the peoples concerned,

The signatories, members of the EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly including the members of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries and the delegations of the Mercosur Parliament and the national parliaments of the Mercosur countries to the Latin American Parliament,

DECIDE

- 1- to inform the governments of the member countries of the Mercosur-EU Summit of their intention to play a full part in all stages of the negotiations for the Strategic Association Agreement between Mercosur and the EU, with a view to ensuring its balanced and far-reaching nature;
- 2- to reaffirm their commitment to biregional integration as a necessary condition for improving material conditions and achieving sustainable development for both blocs, on a basis of complementarity and cooperation on both sides, affirming social justice and respecting the cultural diversity, sovereignty and self-determination of their peoples;
- 3- to instruct the Secretariat of the EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly to disseminate this document and forward it to the appropriate recipients.

**Cuenca, Ecuador
5 November 2010**