

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1369/05
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to the Commission

Subject: Mercosur

In reply to written question E-2873/04 on progress made in the negotiations with a view to creating a free-trade area between the European Union and Mercosur, tabled at the end of last year, the Commission said that a ministerial meeting would be held during the first quarter of 2005.

In view of its answer and the fact that the first quarter of 2005 is now over, can the Commission say what stage has been reached in the negotiations?