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Subject: Need to modernise the EU-Chile Association Agreement

The Association Agreement concluded between the EU and Chile came into effect in 2002. Since then, trade between the two parties has increased by 130 %, with positive results for both regions. The agreement has been extremely successful.

However, given that it was drawn up 12 years ago, there is a need now to modernise and expand the agreement at various levels, including education, energy, corporate social responsibility, security and defence, and support for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Given that the EU has traditionally been Chile's primary international partner, and that solid cultural ties have been built up over time, modernising the agreement would be a positive step for both parties.

1. Does the Commission agree that now is the time to modernise, expand and improve the EU-Chile Association Agreement?
2. How does it intend to move forward towards modernising the agreement?