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Subject: Modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement: state of play

The negotiations on the modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement were concluded in April 2020. The signing of this agreement has been delayed unnecessarily, and the opportunity costs of that delay are already being felt by both Mexico and the EU: the two parties could by now be benefiting from the updates to the agreement.

The process leading to the signing of the agreement has caused and continues to cause frustration in Mexico and for all the European actors that are committed to a deeper and more efficient bilateral relationship. The longer the delay, the more we are inadvertently undermining the agreement.

On 24 January 2022, the French Presidency stated in a meeting of Parliament's Committee on International Trade that the Council is waiting to discuss the text to be forwarded by the Commission.

When does the Commission expect to forward the proposed text to the Council for signature? What is the reason for the delay in the forwarding of the text and consequently in its signature?