

**Question for written answer E-000965/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: State of play of negotiations on additional EU-Mercosur Agreement commitments

At the meeting of 3 February 2022 of the Delegation for relations with Mercosur, the ambassadors of the Mercosur countries to the EU said that they had not yet received any documents concerning the 'meaningful pre-ratification commitments'¹² that, at the hearing before he took office, on 2 October 2020, Vice-President Dombrovskis announced would be needed if the EU-Mercosur agreement was to be adopted. The EEAS confirmed that that was the case at the same meeting.

Later, on 28 February 2022, at a meeting of Parliament's Committee on International Trade, Vice-President Dombrovskis said that the Commission was negotiating the additional EU-Mercosur Agreement commitments with the Mercosur authorities³. However, immediately afterwards, in response to a question, he said that he had not shared the document on those commitments with the Mercosur authorities.

Given this staggering contradiction and the unjustified delay in the ratification process for an agreement that was signed in June 2020⁴:

1. With a view to the negotiation of the aspects to be included in the commitments, has the Commission sent a formal working document to the authorities of the Mercosur countries?
2. If so, is the Commission currently negotiating that document with the Mercosur countries, and what is the current state of play in those talks?

¹ '[...] as it [the agreement] currently stands, we will not put forward this ratification. [...] we will need significant results, a meaningful [commitment] from the Mercosur countries before we can proceed with the ratification. [...] it is important that we have a meaningful commitment from Mercosur countries on deforestation and on the Paris Agreement in order to be able to successfully move forward this ratification. [...], and informally the Commission has already started to do so, to see what meaningful commitment we can have from Mercosur countries and how we indeed can avoid that there are risks for deforestation, because I think we all agree that we want to avoid it.'

² Question for written answer E-005764/2020.

³ https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/webstreaming/inta-committee-meeting_20220228-1645-COMMITTEE-INTA

⁴ <https://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/regions/mercosur/>