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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell i Fontelles
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission remains strongly committed to the finalisation of the modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement. The Commission continues to work towards moving forward with the ratification of the agreement swiftly and in a manner that would provide the best chances of success for the signature and ratification of this ambitious agreement.

Since the negotiations were concluded, the EU and Mexico have embarked on the legal revision of the texts. The Commission is strongly committed to concluding the legal revision as soon as possible, in a way that reflects the evolving EU legal framework and the most recent EU agreements, and takes account of Mexico’s position. Any solution on the question of the legal architecture will preserve the comprehensive character of the outcome of the negotiations and will in no way reopen the negotiations on substance.

The Commission will continue the discussions with the Mexican partners in order to clarify any questions they may have on this proposed approach. Once the ongoing legal revision is finalised on the Mexican side, the texts will be subject to internal approval procedures, including translations, discussion and adoption by the Council for which a lead time of several months has to be factored in. Signature could then take place at a bilateral summit.