

**Question for written answer E-002033/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Mercosur

Negotiators for a trade agreement between the EU and Mercosur countries held another round of meetings in Brasilia from 7 to 9 October 2024. According to press reports, an agreement is expected to be ready for the G20 Leaders' Summit in mid-November in Rio de Janeiro. In January, Mercosur negotiations were nearing the finish line, but were pushed back due to massive farmer protests ahead of the European elections.

The EU's trade agreement with Mercosur is being heavily criticised by all European agricultural associations and unions. This agreement will open up the EU market, with its heavily regulated industry and agriculture, to economies not subject to those regulations.

In light of the above:

1. What did the round of negotiations from 7 to 9 October 2024 in Brasilia cover?
2. Is it true that the agreement will be ready for the G20 Leaders' Summit in mid-November?
3. Could the Commission say which 10 EU countries appealed to the Commission to speed up negotiations and could it please provide the arguments that these countries put forward?

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