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Subject: Upcoming conclusion of the Mercosur agreement: stabbing French farmers in the back

The upcoming signature of the agreement between the European Union and Mercosur (Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Uruguay and Paraguay) poses a serious threat to French farming.

French farmers are already penalised by the ‘degrowth’ ideology imposed on them by the Commission, and this agreement plans to facilitate access to the EU market for a number of food products that do not meet our production standards, including 99 000 tonnes of beef, 180 000 tonnes of sugar and 180 000 tonnes of poultry each year.

1. Is the Commission aware that the anger felt by farmers – particularly those working in the meat sector – will not dissipate as long as they continue to be sacrificed at the altar of globalism and free trade?
2. Does the Commission feel that it is normal for this agreement to be concluded in such a secretive and opaque manner, without any consultation of MEPs?

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