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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU-Mercosur trade agreement

With the Commission's decision on 6 December 2024 to conclude negotiations on a trade agreement between the Mercosur countries and the European Union, a number of issues need to be clarified with a view to ratification and potential implementation.

1. Regarding safeguard clauses, these essential mechanisms only offer protection if they are effective. How does the Commission intend to ensure they are activated and properly implemented in the event of market destabilisation?
2. Given that the agreement goes well beyond trade issues, which are inextricably linked to political and legal issues, what ratification procedure does the President of the European Commission intend to use?
3. How does the Commission intend to improve the traceability and ensure the conformity of agri-food products entering the European Union, and what implementation mechanisms does the Commission intend to put in place to strengthen controls on imported products to ensure systematic compliance with the health, environmental and quality standards required by the European Union?

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