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to the Commission**

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Subject: Mercosur provisional application

In November 2025, the Commission reassured Parliament on the provisional application of the EU-Mercosur agreement by asserting that: ‘the revised wording might unintentionally open the door to a potential provisional application of the Interim Trade Agreement before the Parliament’s consent. This is not the Commission’s intention [...] and would also run against the spirit of the Framework Agreement’.

Yet, the Commission’s revised wording did open the door to such a provisional application, and the date is even fixed by a Council decision. Whether intentional or not it remains to be seen what concrete actions the Commission will now take to correct this. In January 2026, the Commission remained vague on the topic, only reasserting that the Council is exercising its prerogative.

In the light of the above:

1. How does the Commission intend to correct its mistake and keep its engagement towards our institution that the provisional application will not occur before Parliament gives its consent?
2. How will the Commission fulfil its duty as guardian of the Treaties, notably considering the principle of sincere cooperation, the repeated engagements of the Commissioner and the ‘Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the Commission’?
3. Has the Commission already transmitted the notification of provisional application to Mercosur countries and if not, can it confirm that it will do so only after Parliament has its vote on consent?

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