Priority question for written answer P-000226/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Bypassing of Parliament in the EU-Mercosur free trade agreement ratification process

According to reports in the media, decisions were made in the final stages of work on the trade agreement between the EU and Mercosur countries that raise serious procedural concerns. The Cypriot Presidency of the Council of the EU was to withdraw the EU Council declaration stipulating that the agreement could not enter into force provisionally before it had been approved by Parliament. In practice, this means bypassing Parliament in the decision-making process[1].

In accordance with the principles laid out in the EU Treaties, Parliament plays a key role in the democratic scrutiny of international agreements. Actions limiting this role may be in breach of the principles of transparency, institutional balance and democratic legitimacy of the EU decision-making process.

In connection with the above:

1. Did the Commission recommend withdrawing the EU Council declaration on Parliament's consent?

2. On what legal basis does the Commission allow for the agreement to be provisionally applied without Parliament's consent?

3. How does the Commission – as guardian of the Treaties – intend to guarantee full respect of Parliament's role in the ratification process of the EU-Mercosur agreement, especially in light of steps taken to enable its provisional application without Parliament's prior consent?

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[1] https://www.rmf24.pl/fakty/swiat/news-skandal-z-umowa-ue-mercosur-towary-moga-zaczac-plynac-od-wto,nId,8056301 (accessed: 08.01.2026).