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The Commission is responsible for negotiating and concluding trade agreements with third countries on behalf of the EU, acting on the basis of a mandate of the Council. Member States are regularly informed about the state of play of negotiations through the Trade Policy Committee. This was also the case for the EU-Mercosur negotiations, at every stage of the process.

The chief negotiators concluded the negotiations at the technical level during their last meeting in Brasília on 25-28 November 2024. In both private and public statements, including at leaders' level, Mercosur countries indicated that the Mercosur Summit in Montevideo on 6 December 2024 would be the appropriate time and venue for a political conclusion.

The College of Commissioners was informed about the announcement of the political conclusion of the EU-Mercosur negotiations.