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The Council has discussed the EU Mercosur agreements on numerous occasions since the negotiations were finalised on 6 December 2024.

On 9 January 2026 the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) decided, with the qualified majority required (according to Art 12 (1) 1st sentence of RoP of the Council), to use the written procedure to adopt the Council decisions on the signing and provisional application of the Partnership Agreement and Interim Trade Agreement with Mercosur, in view of the impending date for their signing. The written procedure was completed, and the qualified majority required was reached on the same day. This made it possible for the agreements to be signed in Asunción, Paraguay, on 17 January 2026.