EC/Mercosur agreement: interregional framework cooperation agreement

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In adopting the report by Mr Jaime VALDIVIELSO DE CUÉ (PPE, E), the European Parliament approved the conclusion of a framework agreement between the Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Mercosur and its member countries, of the other part. This agreement would support the regional integration process and was designed to give substance to the preparatory stage for a common strategy between the Union and Mercosur. The report welcomed the fact that the agreement attached special importance to respect for democratic principles and human rights, one of the foundations of cooperation. However, it criticised the absence of any explicit reference to parliamentary dialogue.