Basic information

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European Union economic and trade relations with Mercosur with a view to negotiation of an interregional association agreement **Subject** 6.40.10 Relations with Latin America, Central America, Caribbean islands	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA Daniel (PPE-DE)	25/01/2006

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	KACZMAREK Filip (PPE-DE)	25/01/2006

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Trade and Economic Security	MANDELSON Peter

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/02/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/09/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
21/09/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0302/2006	
11/10/2006	Debate in Parliament		
12/10/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0419/2006	Summary
12/10/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/10/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

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Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/6/33920

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee opinion	DEVE	PE371.904	31/05/2006	
Committee draft report		PE376.310	22/06/2006	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE376.568	14/07/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0302/2006	21/09/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0419/2006	12/10/2006	Summary

European Commission

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Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2006)5318	14/12/2006	

European Union economic and trade relations with Mercosur with a view to negotiation of an interregional association agreement

2006/2035(INI) - 12/10/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report by Daniel **VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA** (EPP-DE, ES) on economic and trade relations between the EU and Mercosur with a view to the conclusion of an Interregional Association Agreement. (Please see the summary of 11/09/2006.) Parliament also stressed that, according to studies, the costs of not reaching an agreement are estimated to be at least EUR 3,700 million per annum in trade in goods, rising to over EUR 5, 000 million if investment and services are included.

On the negotiation of the FTA, Parliament added that, as well as being decoupled from the Doha round, the FTA, like the conclusion of the Doha Round, must not be subordinated exclusively to concluding negotiations on agricultural issues. Negotiations are needed in every field including trade in goods and services, investment, public procurement and other trade barriers.

Parliament went on to make specific observations on each sector of the proposed FTA, including agriculture, non-market agricultural access, services, investment, and intellectual property.