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MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear 

I would like to thank you for your letter on behalf of the European companies in the Innovation and Chemical sector in support of the successful conclusion of the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement.


I am glad to confirm that on 28 June the European Union and Mercosur reached a political agreement for an ambitious, balanced and comprehensive trade agreement. The new trade framework - part of a wider Association Agreement between the two regions – will consolidate a strategic political and economic partnership and create significant opportunities for sustainable growth on both sides, while respecting the environment and preserving interests of EU consumers and sensitive economic sectors.

I am pleased to say that what was achieved is very good news for the European chemical industry. A quota of 450 000 tonnes is reserved for ethanol for the use by the chemical industry. This will be phased in over six annual instalments. In addition, a quota of 200 000 tonnes, phased in over six annual instalments, has been made available for all uses, including fuel.

Inputs such as the one your entity provided was an essential part of the process, allowing us to negotiate as effectively as possible, and ensure that the outcome reflected as closely as possible the interests of our companies and workers.

Yours sincerely,


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