EU-Mercosur trade agreement - Sustainability issues - Meeting request with NGOs

Meeting date and place
Meeting held on 20/09/2019 11:30 in Charlemagne

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

- ClientEarth (TRN: 98645517357-19)
- Conservation International Europe (TRN: 70299514465-38)
- Eurogroup for Animals (TRN: 6809635403-40)
- Fern (TRN: 40539475690-82)
- WWF European Policy Programme (TRN: 1414829419-24)

Main issues discussed
A meeting was held on 20 September 2019 between representatives of the EU in the negotiation with Mercosur for the EU in the negotiation with Mercosur in DG TRADE and representatives of 5 different environmental NGOs - Client Earth, WWF, Conservation International Europe, Fern and Eurogroup for Animals. The meeting was also attended from DG TRADE.

NGO representatives enquired about the political conclusion in June 2019 of the trade part of the Association Agreement between the EU and Mercosur and requested information on the current state of play and envisaged next steps. They further enquired about the finalization of the SIA and how its findings were taken into account during the negotiations. They expressed concerns about the agreement in its current form, mainly linked to TSD enforcement which was not sufficient in their view, but clearly stated that they are not against the agreement as such. They asked the Commission to explore the idea of promoting trade in products with no impact on deforestation.

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