

Mitglied des Europäischen Parlaments

Dear President of the European Commission Juncker,

Dear Vice President and High Representative Mogherini,

Dear Commissioner Malmström,

As recently announced by the press, Commissioner Malmström is aiming to conclude the Mercosur free-trade agreements already prior to the upcoming European elections.

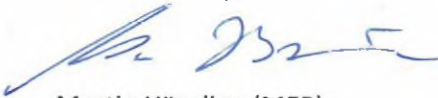
After years of negotiations, we were astonished about her recent statement. Especially considering the fact that the situation in Brazil has changed so drastically after Jair Bolsonaro was elected into office. This president opposes the Paris Agreements, international environmental standards and the rights of indigenous people. He downgrades land-right movements as terrorist organisations, while already attempting to undermine the freedom of opinion and speech.

We were disappointed to realize, that the European Commission and especially you, President Juncker and President Mogherini, barely reacted to the recent events in Brazil. Why is the Commission neither supportive of those, already threatened by Bolsonaro's aggressive rhetoric, nor actively pushing for the compliance with international treaties to protect the environment and our climate? With multiple unsolved issues within the trade agreement, especially in terms of agricultural products, we argue that the negotiations with the Mercosur countries and particularly Brazil should not be continued.

The EU is bearing a considerable international responsibility to signalize Brazil's government that its plans will face substantial resistance by the European Union.

Dear President of the Commission, dear Vice-president of the Commission, dear Commissioner, we hope you will strive more forcefully to support human rights, the preservation of the environment and the implementation of the climate targets and will therefore change your position towards the Mercosur agreements accordingly. We expect your response promptly.

Yours sincerely,



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