

ALDE Party calls for the swift approval of the Mercosur and Mexico Agreements

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party, convening in Brussels, Belgium on October 24-25, 2025:

Welcomes that:

- the European Commission on 3 September finally put forward its proposals to the Council for the signature and conclusion of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement (EMPA) and the EU-Mexico Modernised Global Agreement (MGA), thereby commencing the formal approval process in the EU;
- these agreements reaffirm the joint commitment to human rights, multilateralism and international peace and security, while strengthening our cooperation and engagement on sustainable development.

Acknowledges that:

- the European Commission proposals for conclusion and signature include two parallel legal instruments for each agreement:
 - the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement and the EU-Mexico Modernised Global Agreement, subject to separate ratification by all Member States; and
 - two Interim Trade Agreements (iTA), one for Mercosur and one for Mexico, covering only those parts of the agreements that are exclusive EU competence, adopted through the EU-only ratification process involving the European Parliament and the Council of the EU.
- these landmark agreements form a crucial step in the EU's ambition to diversify its trade relations and strengthen economic and political ties with like-minded partners around the world;
- these partnerships will create important export opportunities for EU companies and contribute to economic growth and competitiveness while supporting European jobs, as:
 - the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement will establish the world's biggest free trade zone, with a market of over 700 million consumers, and the EMPA is estimated to increase EU annual exports to Mercosur by up to 39% (€49 billion) and support more than 440,000 jobs across Europe;
 - Mexico is the EU's second biggest trading partner in Latin America, with the EU annually exporting over €70 billion's worth of goods and services to Mexico, supporting over 630,000 EU jobs; the modernised EU-Mexico agreement will remove still remaining tariffs (amounting to up to 100%) on EU agri-food exports to Mexico.

Underlines that:

- the EMPA and MGA contribute to strengthening value chains and diversifying the sources for critical raw materials for EU companies;
- concluding these agreements will send an important signal at a time of geopolitical turmoil and increasing trade wars, by emphasising rules-based trade and bringing the EU closer to strategically important partners that share our values.

Calls on:

- the Council of the EU and the European Parliament to swiftly approve the interim trade agreements (iTA) in order for the EU companies and consumers to be able to enjoy the benefits of these agreements as

soon as possible.

- the EU Member States to prioritise the ratification of the EMPA and MGA.