

Brussels, 15 November 2024

Ms Roberta Metsola

President of the European Parliament

Mr Charles Michel

President of the European Council

Mr Victor Orbán

Prime Minister of Hungary

Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Ms Ursula von der Leyen

President of the European Commission

Your excellency President Metsola,

Your excellency President Michel,

Your excellency Prime Minister Orbán,

Your excellency President von der Leyen,

We are writing to you on behalf of 78 business associations from the EU and Mercosur representing a wide array of industries and other businesses. Together, our members cover a significant portion of the total trade in goods and services of over 159 bn Euros in 2022 between the EU and the Mercosur region. The importance of our economic partnership is further highlighted by the significant levels of mutual investment in our two regions (approximately 380 bn Euros). These trade and investment flows are crucial for sustaining millions of jobs on both sides, contributing significantly to our economic strength. Therefore, we call on you to prioritise the swift conclusion of the EU-Mercosur free trade agreement negotiations, a step that is key for preserving our joint competitiveness.

In times marked by geopolitical turmoil and numerous crises, supply chain disruptions and strains on industries are becoming increasingly prevalent. Deepening our well-established trade relations between the EU and Mercosur is critical for ensuring the resilience of our economies. The EU-Mercosur agreement is driven by modern principles and promises to pave the way for progress in key areas which are vital for our partnership and our mutual prosperity. It enables us to advance our commitment to free, fair, and sustainable trade. It will deliver market access, diversify supply chains, foster investments and help us to deepen cooperation on sustainable development in areas such as climate change, forest preservation, social and labour rights based on elevated standards.

We believe that the current moment presents a crucial window of opportunity to conclude and ratify an agreement between key strategic partners which would cover one-fifth of the global economy and contribute to economic growth and job creation – benefiting about 750 million people in our two regions. We are convinced that leaders on both sides should pursue their engagement to ensure that this opportunity is seized. The EU-Mercosur agreement will support the resilience of our industries by strengthening supply chains, opening up new markets for our companies and ensuring a stable provision of inputs.

We therefore call on you to take all necessary steps to definitively conclude the negotiations, thus delivering a positive impetus for economic recovery and development that is much needed on both sides of the Atlantic.

Yours sincerely,



ABAL - Associação Brasileira do Alumínio



ABBD – Associação Brasileira de Bebidas Destiladas



ABELAC – Alianza de Bebidas Espirituosas de Latinoamérica y el Caribe



ABIA – Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Alimentos



ABICAB - Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Chocolates, Amendoim e Balas



ABICALÇADOS



ABICS – Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Café Solúvel



ABIFINA - Associação Brasileira das Indústrias de Química Fina



ABIHPEC - Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Higiene Pessoal, Perfumaria e Cosméticos



ABINEE - Associação Brasileira da Indústria Elétrica e Eletrônica



Abipeças - Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Autopeças



ABIPLAST – Associação Brasileira da Indústria do Plástico



Abiquim - Associação Brasileira da Indústria Química



ABIT - Associação Brasileira da Indústria Têxtil e de Confecção



ABITAM - Associação Brasileira da Indústria de Tubos e Acessórios de Metal



ABPI - Associação Brasileira da Propriedade Intelectual



ABRABE – Associação Brasileira de Bebidas



ABRAFAR - Associação Brasileira de Fabricantes de Refratários



ABRAFRUTAS
Associação Brasileira dos Produtores e Exportadores de Frutas e Derivados

ABRAFRUTAS



ABRAMEQ - Associação brasileira das Indústrias de Máquinas e Equipamentos para os setores do couro, calçados e afins



ACEA - The European Automobile Manufacturers' Association



AmCham EU



ANFACER - Associação Nacional dos Fabricantes de Cerâmica para Revestimentos, Louças Sanitárias e Congêneres



ASIQR - Asociación de Industrias Químicas del Uruguay



ASSOCIQUIM – Associação Brasileira dos Distribuidores de Produtos Químicos e Petroquímicos



The Brewers of Europe



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CAPABA – Cámara Paraguaya de Bebidas Alcohólicas



CASIC



CEC – European Footwear Confederation



CECE



CECIMO – European Association of Manufacturing Technologies



Cefic - European Chemical Industry Council



CELCAA - European Liaison Committee for Agricultural and Agri-Food Trade



Centro de Fabricantes de Licores



Cepi



Cerame-Unie - The European Ceramic Industry



CICB - Centro das Indústrias de Curtumes do Brasil



CIQyP - Cámara de la Industria Química y Petroquímica



CIU - Cámara de Industrias del Uruguay



CIUS



CLEPA - European Association of Automotive Suppliers



CNI - Confederação Nacional da Indústria



Comité Vin



Cosmetics Europe – The Personal Care Association



COTANCE – The European Leather Industry



CUPCAT - Cámara Uruguaya de Perfumería, Cosmética y Artículos de Tocador



EDA - European Dairy Association



ESF - European Services Forum



ESRA - European Sugar Refineries Association



EURATEX - The European Apparel and Textile Confederation



Eurochambres - The Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry



EuroCommerce



EUROFER



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FADA – Federación Argentina de Destilados y Aperitivos



FIEMG - Federação das Indústrias do Estado de Minas Gerais



FIEP - Federação Industrial do Paraná



FIERGS - Federação das Indústrias do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul



FIESC - Federação das Indústrias do Estado de Santa Catarina



FIESP - Federação das Indústrias do Estado de São Paulo



FIRJAN - Federação das Indústrias do Estado do Rio de Janeiro



Grupo FarmaBrasil



IBRAC – Brazilian Institute of Cachaça



Medicines for Europe



Orgalim – Europe's Technology Industries



SINCOS – Sindicato Nacional da Indústria de Café Solúvel



Sindipeças - Sindicato Nacional da Indústria de Componentes para Veículos Automotores



SIR - Sindicato Nacional da Indústria de Refratários



SIREFMG - Sindicato da Indústria de Refratários no Estado de Minas Gerais



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TIE - Toy Industries of Europe



UIA - União Industrial Argentina



UNICA - União da Indústria de
Cana-de-Açúcar



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