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Dear Honourable Member,

I would like to thank you, and your cosignatories, for your letter dated 20 July 2022 on the modernisation of the association agreement between the EU and Chile, and more specifically for conveying your call to grant the new government the necessary time to assess the negotiated outcome reached in November 2021.

The Commission has always expressed full understanding for the need of President Boric's government to take ownership of the modernised agreement and to review in detail the texts agreed with the previous administration.

Since March, when the new government took office, we have been working with our Chilean counterparts to support this review process and to ensure that our modernised agreement will reinforce the objectives of the new Constitution that will be voted by referendum on 4 September. Further discussions with Chile are scheduled in September and October.

Chile's highest authorities expressed on multiple occasions their support for a swift conclusion of what they consider their most modern and sustainable trade agreement. It will foster cooperation on issues like gender equality and sustainable food systems and will strengthen the standards for labour and environmental protection. At the same time, in line with previous recent EU agreements, it explicitly protects the Parties' right to regulate legitimate policy interests.



In conclusion, we are confident that a political conclusion on mutually satisfactory terms is within reach and we will continue to work closely with Chile to this end in the next months.

Yours faithfully,



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